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Thomas, inherited estate near Braintree, Co. Essex, Eng.; left 5 sons, who, after his death, came to N. Eng. with their mother, abt. 1638. The names of three only of these sons are known, viz.:

I. **THOMAS**,² who settled in Norwalk, Conn.; was, in 1663, its wealthiest citizen, and from whom, in a line of 3 generations, each bearing the same surname, descended Thomas Fitch, Gov. of the Col., 1754-'60.

II. **JOSEPH**.² FAM. 2.

III. **JAMES**.² (Rev.). FAM. 3.

FAM. 2. **Joseph**.² (*Thos.*¹), of Norwalk, Conn., 1652; of Northampton, Mass., 1655; of Hartford, Conn., 1660, where he was freeman, 1662, and before 1663 he m. Mary (youngest dau. of Rev. Samuel) **Stone**; in 1669 made Samuel Wyllys his atty. to sell his lands at Great Birch, Co. Essex, when he went to Eng.; rem. to W., east side Gt. River, prob. before 1672; is said to have purchased a twentieth part of the township; was alive in 1713 (*Hfd. Co. Mem. Hist.*, i, 273). *Ch.*: *

1. **Joseph**. FAM. 4.

2. **Nathaniel**; prob. the "Corporal Nath'l Fitch" who (*acc. to W. Rec.*) m. Abigail **Buttolph** of Stonington, 23 Nov., 1718; "Abigail, wife of Corporal Nathaniel," d. 4 Apl., 1719.

3. **Samuel** (Mr.); 1650 engaged to keep the school at Hartford for 3 yrs. from Jan. 1, 1649-'50; freeman, 1651; m. 1651, Susanna (wid. Mr. William) **Whiting**; deputy, May, 1654-'55; d. 1659; had 2 ch., sons (*Hartford Co. Mem. Hist.*, i, 273; *Grantwin's Geneal. Notes*, 329).

FAM. 3. **James**.² (Rev.) (*Thos.*¹), b. in Bocking, Co. Essex, Eng., 24 Dec., 1622; re. 16 when he came to New Eng., 1638; prepared for the ministry under Revs. Hooker and Stone of Htd.; ord. pastor at Saybrook, Conn., 1646; in 1660 removed with greater part of his cong. to Norwich, Conn., and labored there until disabled from active service by palsy, 1696. In 1702 he retired to Lebanon, where several of his ch. had settled, and where he d. 18 (19, *Leb. Rec.*) Nov., 1702. Rev. Mr. Fitch was "a wise, kind, and good man, greatly beloved by his people, and who, during the 50 yrs. of his ministry, exercised a beneficent and extended influence, not only in

* *Westcott* (*Life of John Fitch*) says that these three ch. of Joseph were all improvident and wasted their estate. This was true (if at all) only of his eldest son, Joseph, FAM. 4.

spiritual matters, but in secular affairs,—in things pertaining to the welfare of the Colony, and the good order and prosperity of the new plantations." Our limits do not permit us to say more of a man who is more conspicuously associated with the history of Windham Co., but refer our readers to *Caulkins's Hist. Norwich, The Norwich Jubilee*, etc. He m. (1) Oct., 1648, Abigail (dau. of Rev. Henry) Whitfield, first minister of Guilford, Conn.; she d. 9 Sept., 1659; he m. (2) Oct., 1664, Priscilla (dau. Maj. John and Anne Peck) Mason. *Ch.* (by 1st mar.; all b. Saybrook, Conn.):

1. James (Maj.), b. 2 Aug., 1649. FAM. 5.
2. Abigail, b. Aug., 1650; m. Capt. John (son of Maj. John) Mason; he was one of the 6 Conn. captains killed in the Swamp Fight in King Philip's War; had 2 children.
3. Elizabeth, b. Jan., 1651/2; m. Rev. Edw. Taylor of Westfield, Mass., 5 Sept., 1674; d. 1689.
4. Hannah, b. Sept., 1663; m. Thomas Mix of New Haven, Conn.
5. Samuel, b. Apl., 1665; settled E. Norwich (now Bozrah), Conn.; was the ancestor of the Bozrah Fitch families.
6. Dorothy, b. Apl., 1658; m. (as 2d wife) Nathan¹ Bissell of Windsor; d. 28 June, 1691. *By 2d mar. (all b. at N.):*
7. Daniel (Capt.), b. 16 Aug., 1665; sett. at Montville, Conn. (in New London); was active in the early Indian wars; ancestor of the Montville, Colchester, Preston, and other F. families.
8. John (Capt.), b. Jan., 1667. FAM. 6.
9. Jeremiah (Capt.), b. Sept., 1670; ancestor of the Coventry, Columbia, Andover, Willimantic, and Bolton F. families; a very active and prominent man in Windham county.
10. Jabez (Rev.), b. Apl., 1672; grad. H. C., 1694; was tutor and Fellow of H. C.; became colleague, 1703, of Rev. John Rogers, at Ipswich, Mass.; abt. 1725 was installed at Portsmouth, N. H.; d. 1744.
11. Ann, b. Apl., 1675; m. Joseph (only son of Maj. William) Bradford of Plymouth, Mass. (by his 2d wife); rem. to Lebanon; d. 1715, leaving issue.
12. Nathaniel (Capt.), b. Oct., 1679; sett. at Lebanon, Conn.; had numerous descendants. FAM. 7.
13. Joseph, b. Nov., 1681; res. at Stonington; then at Lebanon, where he d. 1741; a man of wealth; m. twice and had large family.
14. Eleazer (Dea.), b. 14 May, 1683; sett. at Lebanon; d. about 1747; unmarried, but had no issue.

FAM. 4. Joseph³ (*Jos.², Thos.¹*), res. at W.; d. 18 Feb., 1697; impoverished. *Ch.*:

1. Joseph. FAM. 8.
2. John; resided Mass.

FAM. 5. James³ (Maj.) (*Rev. James,² Thomas¹*), was a prominent and influential man in his day; a large land-owner; a brave and experienced soldier in the Indian wars; a noted friend of the Indians, with whom (after the death of Maj. John Mason) he possessed more influence than any one else in the Colony; was active in politics; one of the Assistants, 1681; an early patron of Y. C., to which he gave the glass and nails for its first edifice, and (1701) an endowment of 637 acres of land, which ensured its permanent establishment. He d. at Canterbury, Conn., 10 Nov., 1727; he m. (1) 1676, Elizabeth (youngest dau. of Maj. John) Mason, sister to his father's second wife; she d. 8 Oct., 1684, and he m. (2) May 8, 1687, Mrs. Alice (dau. of Maj. Wm. and gd.-dau. Gov.) Bradford of Plymouth, and wid. of Rev. Wm. Adams of Dedham, Mass. *Children (by 1st mar.):*

1. James, b. Jan., 1678; d. a. 1 wk.
2. James, b. June, 1679; d. early; unm'd.
3. Jedediah, b. 17 Apl., 1681; m. and had issue.
4. Samuel, b. 12 July, 1683; m. and had issue.
5. Elizabeth, b. 1684; m.
6. Abigail, b. 22 Feb., 1688; m. Col. Dyer of Canterbury, Conn.
7. Ebenezer, b. 10 Jan., 1689/90. FAM. 9.
8. Daniel, b. Feb., 1693.
9. John, b. 1695.
10. Bridget, b. 1697.
11. Jerusha, b. 1699; m. Daniel Bissell.
12. William, b. 1701.
13. Jabez, b. 1703.

FAM. 6. John³ (Capt.) (*Rev. James,² Thomas¹*), settled in Windham, Conn.; had a superior education for that day; was chosen, 1704, Town Clerk, and held the office by successive re-elections until his decease in 1743, a period of thirty-eight years; also Judge of Probate, Captain in militia, and represented the town in the General Assembly in twenty different sessions; owned the Covenant in Norwich Ch., 1700; a man of wealth, social position, and extensive influence. He m. 1695, Elizabeth (eldest dau. of Thomas and Miriam Tracy) Waterman of N. *Ch.*:

1. Elizabeth, b. 1 June, 1696; m. Nath¹ Webb of Windham.
2. Miriam, b. 17 Oct., 1699; m. Hezekiah Riley of Windham.
3. Priscilla, b. 5 Feb., 1702; m. Rev. Solomon Paine of Canterbury, Conn.
4. John, b. 18 Mch., 1706. FAM. 10.

FAM. 7. Nathaniel³ (Capt.) (*Rev. James,² Thomas¹*), one of the early settlers of Lebanon, Conn.; m. (1) 10 Dec., 1701, Ann (dau. Joshua) Abel of Norwich, Conn., who d. 3 July, 1728, a. 47; m. (2) 17 Sept., 1729, Mindwell Tisdale of Lebanon. He d. 4 May, 1759. *Ch.*:

1. Ann, b. Nov., 1702; m.; had ch.
2. Joshua, b. 13 Feb., 1704.
3. Nathan, b. 29 Mch., 1705. FAM. 11.
4. Nehemiah, b. 10 Feb., 1708.
5. James, b. 15 Oct., 1709.
6. John, b. 7 Jan., 1712.
7. Nathaniel.
8. Mehitabel, b. 3 Feb., 1717; m. — Whiting.
9. Elizabeth, b. 26 May, 1718; m. a Bissell.
10. Rachel, b. Oct., 1720; d. 28 May, 1726.
11. Abel, b. 22 Nov., 1722.
12. Caleb, b. 17 June, 1725.
13. Jabez, b. 11 Mch., 1728.
14. Isaac, b. 10 May, 1734.

—H. F.

FAM. 8. Joseph⁴ (*Joseph,³ Joseph,² Thos.¹*), was brought up in a family in Hartford, where he received a good education; m. (1) 25 Dec., 172 [or 379] (*Bolton Ch. Rec.*), Sarah Shaler of Bolton, Conn., who d. 4 (or 11) Sept., 1748; m. (2) Abigail Church of Hartford; prob. the Joseph Fitch's wife who d. 10 Dec., 1772 (*E. W. C. R.*). They res. just N. of the line between East Hartford and South Windsor. He prob. the J. who d. 29 Mch., 1789, æ. 80 years. — *E. W. C. R. Ch.*

1. Joseph; settled in Bloomfield. FAM. 12.
2. Auctus. FAM. 13.
3. Sarah, m., æ. 18, Timothy King of W.

4. Anne; res. mostly with her uncle John in Mass.
5. John, b. 21 Jan., 1743 (O. S.). FAM. 14.
6. Chloe.

FAM. 9. Ebenezer⁴ (*Mr.*) (*Maj. James,³ Rev. James,² Thomas¹*), settled in W.; m. Bridget Brown, who, in the settlement of his estate, appears as the wife of John Perry of Ashford, Conn. He d. 20 Nov., 1724, at W. *Ch.*

1. Alice, b. 30 Jan., 1713; m. 25 Jan., 1731, John Fitch of Windham, her father's cousin.
2. James, b. 24 July, 1714; res. Durham and Coventry, Conn.
3. David, b. 20 Nov., 1715.
4. Elijah, b. 24 Feb., 1717/18. FAM. 15.
5. Ebenezer, b. 18 May, 1720. FAM. 16.
6. Medina (Dea. and Lieut.), b. 20 Nov., 1722. FAM. 17.
7. Ebenezer, b. 10 Mch., 1724/5; m. 18 May, 1749, Lydia (dau. Capt. Abner) Johnson of Wall-

ingford, where he d. about 1777. *Issue:*

1. Lydia, b. 28 Dec., 1749; d. 8 Jan., 1750.
2. Justus Johnson, b. 12 Apl., 1751; m. at New Haven, 29 Sept., 1774, Susanna Turner.
3. Hezekiah, b. 9 Nov., 1753; res. Salisbury, Conn.
4. Ebenezer, b. 4 July, 1752.
5. Cynthia, m. John Adams of Waterbury, Conn.
6. Irene, b. 18 June, 1771; m. Noah Shepard of Southbury, Conn.; had 2 sons; had ? —

FAM. 10. John⁴ (*Capt.*) (*Capt. John,³ Rev. Jas.,² Thos.¹*), m. 1731, Alice (dau. Ebenezer) Fitch of Windsor (see Fam. 9); he d. 19 Feb., 1760, æ. 54 yrs., 11 mos. *Ch.*

1. John, b. 14 July, 1732. FAM. 18.
2. Alice, b. 7 Oct., 1734.
3. Ebenezer, b. 30 Nov., 1736; m. 4 May, 1760, Chloe Kingsbury, and d. at Salisbury, Conn.
4. James, b. 9 Apl., 1739. FAM. 19.

5. Miriam, b. 9 June, 1741.
6. Elizabeth, b. 4 Oct., 1743.
7. Elijah, b. 8 Jan., 1744.
8. James, b. 2 Mch., 1748.
9. Lucy, b. 26 Mch., 1753.
10. Eunice, b.

—*E. N. S.*

FAM. 11. Nathan⁴ (*Capt. Nath'l,³ Rev. Jas.,² Thos.¹*), m. prob. 19 June, 1725, Hannah Huntington; sett. at Lebanon, Conn.; he d. 12 June, 1750. *Ch.*

1. Ebenezer, b. 23 Mch., 1731; m. 20 Mch., 1750, Lydia Fish; rem. to Amherst, Nova Scotia, about 1763. *Issue:*
1. Simon, b. 1751; d. 1834; m. Bathsheba Huntington; had (1) Simon; (2) Ebenezer, d. yg.; (3) Zerubb, m. Rev. Theo. Harding; (4) Bathsheba, m. Col. Sam. Bishop; (5) Irene; (6) Lydia; (7) Anne.
2. Cyprian; m. Ruth Rand; their dau., Mary Maher Fitch, m. Obad Folger of Hudson, N. Y.; had (1) Frederick Fitch (Folger), of Hudson, N. Y.; (2) Angelina (Folger), m. Wm. H.

Thomas; had (a) dau. Cordelia M. Thomas, who m. John L. M. Shepard of Oaklud, Cal.

3. Ebenezer; m. Rachel Bishop, and was not (as the Mason Family has it) Pres. of Williams College — see *Coppsell and Huntington Fams.*
4. Frederick; m. Rachel Bishop.
5. Philander. 6. Hannah. 7. Lydia.

2. Simon.
3. Nathan.
4. Cyprian.
5. Abraham, b. 23 June, 1737 (O. S.) FAM. 20.

—*E. N. S.*

FAM. 12. Joseph⁵ Jr. (*Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Joseph¹*), settled at Wintonbury (Blfd.), Conn.; m. 9 July, 1760, Prudence Drake; was a cooper. "The Widow Prudence" d. 9 Aug., 1813, æ. 79. — *Wby. Ch. Rec.* He was prob. the "Ensign Joseph" who (*Wby. Ch. Rec.*) d. 6 Mch., 1807, æ. 78. *Children:*

1. Prudence, b. 15 Mch., 1761.
2. Alexander, b. 30 July, 1762; d. Oct., 1770 — *Wby. Ch. Rec.*
3. Olive, b. 12 Dec., 1763.
4. Joseph, b. 1 Aug., 1765; his gravestone, discovered by the author of this history, in the graveyard of the old Pres. ch. of Woodbridge, N. J., bears the following insc.: "Sacred to the memory of Mr. Joseph Fitch, Junr, son to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Prudence Fitch, of Windsor, in the

County of Hartford, in Connecticut, who died Sept. ye 16th, 1791, aged 26 years and 26 days. He was the 8th eldest son of the same name who descended from Thomas Fitch of Brintree, England."

5. Luther, b. 20 May, 1767; m. and had Mary Annand, bp. 13 Nov., 1814. — *Wby. Ch. Rec.*
6. Justus, b. 20 May, 1769; m. and lost an inf. 3 Jan., 1808; a ch. Nov., 1809; ch. 18 Mch., 1811, and his wife, Aug., 1821. — *Wby. Ch. Rec.*
7. George, b. 22 Apl., 1774.

FAM. 13. Augustus⁵ (*Lieut.*) (*Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Thos.¹*), was a joiner; m. 22 Jan., 1760, Editha Field of Hatfield, Mass., who was bu. 2 May, 1819, æ. 82 (*R. D.*); he d. 21 May, 1815, æ. 82 (*R. D.*); sett. E. W. *Child:*

1. John Fields; [prob. the "Aug. F.'s ch." bp. Jan., 1766. — *E. W. C. R.*] FAM. 21.

FAM. 14. John⁵ (*Joseph,⁴ Joseph,³ Joseph,² Thos.¹*), the inventor of steamboats. His birthplace was in the present So. W., near the East Hartford line (see p. 793, Vol. I), and in this vicinity he remained until the age of 25, receiving a common school education. He was ill-treated by his father and elder brother; his home-life was wretched, and he was bound apprentice to a watchmaker. Subsequently an un-

fortunate marriage crowned the misery of his condition, and, in 1769, while yet a young man, he became an adventurer of fortune. After many vicissitudes he became a resident watchmaker of Trenton, N. J., where he exercised his trade at the commencement of the Revolution. The demand for arms induced him to undertake the business of a gunsmith for the American forces, which exposed his property to destruction when the British entered the village in Dec., 1776. He joined the New Jersey troops and endured the rigors of a winter camp at Valley Forge. Returning thence, he recommenced the trade of a silversmith in Bucks Co., Penn., occasionally traversing the county to repair the watches and clocks of the inhabitants. Having procured an appointment as deputy-surveyor from the State of Virginia, he started for Kentucky, with a knapsack upon his back and a compass in his hand, in the spring of 1780. In the fall of 1781 he returned to Philadelphia, having made extensive surveys between the Kentucky and Green rivers. In the spring of 1782, collecting the payments of \$4,000 which had been received in Continental currency, he was barely able to raise £150 Penn. currency, as a capital for Western adventure. At the mouth of the Muskingum, this remnant of his fortune, invested in flour and goods, was captured and destroyed by Indians, two of his party killed, and nine taken prisoners. Fitch had the address to conciliate Capt. Buffaloe, the leader of the band; and the physical endurance to sustain the rigors of Indian captivity. After various adventures he reached Warminster in the winter of 1782-3, penniless and dejected. Here there came to him (April 15, 1785,) the idea of utilizing steam as a motive power, first for carriages, then in navigation. "I was then altogether ignorant," says Fitch. "that a steam engine had ever been invented. The propelling of a boat by steam is as new as the rowing of a boat by angels, and I claim the first thought and invention of it." His first model of a steamboat with paddle-wheels was made by him in Cobe Scout's log shop, and tried on a small stream on Joseph Longstreth's meadow, about half a mile from Davisville, Southampton township, Pa., and realized his anticipations. Its machinery was of brass, its paddles of wood; and the model, when exhibited to several of the scientific and distinguished gentlemen of Philadelphia, secured from them strong letters of recommendation, which helped him much in his presentation of his claims to Congress and some of the State legislatures. In Sept., 1785, he presented a drawing and models of his boat to the Am. Philosoph. Society of Philadelphia, and early in 1786, the State of New Jersey enacted a law, giving him "the sole and exclusive right" of constructing, using, etc., all kinds of boats, or water craft "impelled by the force of fire or steam," in all the navigable waters of that State. On the 20th of July, in that year, he was experimenting with a skiff having a 3-in. cylinder engine, moving a screw of paddles, which failed to meet his wishes. Disheartened by his failures and stung by the jibes of the lookers-on, he repaired to the tavern and indulged freely in liquor; but the next day, feeling much ashamed of himself, he retired early to rest, and as he himself relates, "about 12 o'clock at night, the idea struck me about cranks and paddles for rowing of a boat, and for fear that I should forget or lose the idea, I got up about 1 o'clock, struck a light, and drew a plan. I was so excited that it was impossible to sleep." This plan was put into execution on a skiff, July 27th, much to his satisfaction. His finances being now exhausted by his experiments, he applied to the Penn. Legislature for a loan of £150, and failing to get it (by a vote of 28 to 32) he applied to its Speaker, Gen. Thos. Mifflin, for individual aid, in a letter in which he uses these prophetic words: "Honored Sir, — I am of opinion that a vessel may be carried 6, 7, or 8 miles per hour by the force of steam, and the larger the vessel the better it will answer: and am strongly inclined to believe that it will answer for sea Voyages as well as for inland Navigation, which would not only make the Mississippi as navigable as Tide water, but would make our vast Territory on those waters an inconceivable fund in the Treasury of the United States. Perhaps I should not be thought more extrav-

agent than I already have been . . . when I assert that six tons of Machinery will act with as much force as ten tons of men, and should I suggest that the navigation between this [country] and Europe may be made so easy as shortly to make us the most popular Empire on Earth, it probably, at this time, would make the whole very laughable." His claims had now so far attracted public attention that exclusive rights for fourteen years to the waters of New York State were granted him 19th March; Delaware, 3d February; Pennsylvania, 28th March; Virginia, 7th Nov., 1787, by the Legislatures of those respective States. In this year, also, his second boat (built in the previous year) was perfected. It was 45 ft. long and 12 ft. beam; its engine was of 12-inch cylinder, and it had 8 oars, or paddles, on each side. Its trial, upon the Delaware, at Philadelphia, 22 Aug., 1787, was witnessed by the members of the Convention for framing the Federal Constitution, then in session in that city, and by nearly all the Members of Congress, except Gen. Washington. Chief Justice Oliver Ellsworth of Windsor, Conn., was on board the steamer, and pronounced it a success. To Fitch, however, its speed was not satisfactory, and he set about raising the money with which to construct a larger boat.

Finally, by the drawing, engraving, and sale of a map of the Northwestern Territory, all of which was done with his own hands in the rude workshop of his friend, Cobe Scout of Warminster (the impressions from the plate being taken on a cider-press), he raised about \$800, and in Feb., 1787, formed a stock company (40 shares) and built a boat 60 feet long and 8 feet beam, and moved by paddles at the stern. Its trial trip was to Burlington, — 20 miles distant — the longest trip ever made by a steamboat at that time. At every town along the river banks they were greeted with cheers and waving of handkerchiefs, and when within a few rods of their destination their boiler pipe sprung a leak and they came to anchor. The boiler was soon repaired, and the boat made several trips to Burlington and back without any accident. But the boat only moved at a rate of three miles an hour and the company was discouraged. Another rally was effected, however, the shares doubled, and a new boat built, aptly called *The Perseverance*. On the 12th of October, 1788, thirty passengers were taken from Philadelphia to Burlington (20 miles, up stream), in three hours and ten minutes. This speed did not satisfy Fitch or those who had a pecuniary interest in the enterprise, and they built a new boat with larger machinery — the cylinder eighteen instead of twelve inches in diameter. Various alterations and improvements were made in the machinery before satisfactory speed was attained. On the 16th of April, 1790, a trial trip was made, and, says Fitch, "although the wind blew very fresh at the northeast, we reigned Lord High Admirals of the Delaware, and no boat in the river could hold its way against us, but all fell astern, though several sailboats which were very light, and heavy sails that brought their gunnals well down to the water, came out to try us."

Several equally satisfactory trips were made with members of the company and invited guests; and Fitch, elated with his success, exclaims: "Thus has been effected by little Johnny Fitch and Harry Voight [an inventive genius whom Fitch often consulted], one of the greatest and most useful arts that has ever been introduced into the world; and although the world and my country does not thank me for it, yet it gives me heartfelt satisfaction."

On the 16th of June, 1790, Governor Thomas Mifflin and the Supreme Executive Council were passengers on this boat, and were so highly pleased that they presented the steamboat company with a suit of flags, the cost of which was £5, *vs.* 11d. The speed of the boat was eight miles an hour. It afterwards run ninety miles one day, and became a regular passenger boat between Philadelphia and Burlington. The two Philadelphia papers, the *Pennsylvania Packet* and the *Federal Gazette*, gave notices of the days and time of sailing:

The steamboat is now ready to take passengers, and is intended to set off from Arch street Ferry, in Philadelphia, every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, for Burlington, Bristol, Bordentown, and Trenton, to return on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday.—*Pennsylvania Packet*, June 15, 1790.

The same notice was published in the *Federal Gazette*, June 14, 17, 19, 22, and 24, 1790. In the *New York Magazine* is an extract from a letter dated August 13, 1790: "Fitch's steamboat really performs to a charm." It is estimated that the boat must have gone at least two or three thousand miles that summer carrying passengers. Was this not a success?

Wishing now a boat large enough to carry freight as well as passengers, the new company was consolidated with the old, and another boat was contracted for—*The Perseverance*, with the intention of sending it to New Orleans for the navigation of the Mississippi. It was hoped that it would be finished in time to save the benefit of the Virginia law (passed Nov. 7, 1787), which gave Fitch the exclusive right of navigating the Ohio River and its tributaries with the steamboat. In this, the company were disappointed. The boat and machinery were nearly completed, when a violent storm arose, causing it to break from its moorings, and it was blown upon Petty's Island, in the Delaware, opposite the upper part of Philadelphia. The tide being unusually high, the boat was driven so far upon the land that it was impossible to get it off in season to avail themselves of the benefits of the Virginia law. The stockholders became discouraged and refused to furnish any more funds, and Fitch having exhausted all his resources, the boat was abandoned and remained for four years without any change, and was advertised for sale at auction Aug. 18, 1795. Fitch applied to the Federal Congress for a patent, which was granted Aug. 28, 1791, for the term of fourteen years. This document (signed by General Washington, and by the Commissioners, Thomas Jefferson, General Henry Knox, and John Randolph), proved, however, of little use to Fitch, and was destroyed by fire in 1836.

In 1793 Fitch went to France, at the solicitation of the U. S. Consul at L'Orient, Aaron Vail, to build a steamboat. Arriving there at the time of the Revolutionary troubles, he could not obtain any pecuniary assistance. Depositing his papers and specifications in the hands of Mr. Vail, he went to England, remaining in London for a time with his friend, Mr. Leslie, formerly of Philadelphia. In 1794 he returned to the United States, working his passage as a common sailor. He found his way to East Windsor, now South Windsor, to the house of his sister, Mrs. Timothy King, and to the house of his daughter Lucy, Mrs. Kilbourne. After remaining some two years with his sister, he starts off again on his steamboat enterprise. In 1796 he constructs a steamboat out of a ship's yawl. The boat was moved by a screw propeller on a large pond of fresh water in the city of New York, called *The Collect*, which was afterwards filled, and embraces the ground on which stand the Tombs and other adjacent buildings. In the spring of 1798 Fitch built a model steamboat three feet long, at Bardstown, Kentucky, which was tried upon a small stream near that town.

Some time between the 25th of June and 18th of July, 1796, this remarkable man, broken down with misfortunes, disappointments, and discouragements, committed suicide by poison, in the chamber of a tavern, attended by no relative or friend (except his landlord), and was buried in the graveyard in the presence of six or seven persons. (His will was made June 25th and admitted to probate July 18th.) His remains lie unhonored, in Bardstown, with a rough stone, without inscription, to mark his resting-place. His journals and other MS. were deposited in the Philadelphia Library, and formed the foundation of *Thompson Westcott's* biography of John Fitch.

As to the merits of *later* claimants: In 1788 Patrick Miller constructed a boat, and William Symington made an engine for it, and on the 14th of October, 1788, it was moved by steam in the lake of Dalawinton, in the presence of several specta-

tors. This did not answer their expectations, and the next year (1789) Mr. Miller had a twelve-horse engine made and fixed to his double-bottomed boat, which was tried on the Clyde and Forth canal, with success. This was England's first successful steamboat experiment. Symington continued his experiments, under the patronage of Lord Dundas, and in March, 1802, two vessels of 70 tons burden each were towed by the steamboat, *Charlotte Dundas*, 19½ miles in six hours, against very strong head wind. The English declare that this was the first practical steamboat experiment. *Fitch, twelve years prior to that, was carrying passengers regularly, according to advertisements, eight miles an hour.*

A writer in the *Boston Recorder* of September 23, 1858, gives Captain Samuel Morey of Orford, N. H., the credit of being the first man to propel a boat by steam: Morey was an original thinker and inventor, commencing his experiments with his little steamer on the Connecticut, as early as 1790. After working three years in perfecting his machinery, he, in the summer of 1794, propelled a small steamer from Hartford to New York at the rate of five miles an hour. Chancellor Livingston, Judge Livingston, Edward Livingston, and John Stevens, went with him from New York to Greenwich. From this time to the time of Fulton's experiments there were many steamboats constructed by different individuals; prominent among them were Oliver Evans, Nicholas I. Roosevelt, and John Cox Stevens. To Stevens is due the credit of making the first maritime voyage. He went with his steamer, the *Phoenix*, from New York to Philadelphia, in June, 1808. Roosevelt built the first steamboat, the *New Orleans*, that navigated the Ohio and Mississippi, in 1811. The next claimant, and the one who is very generally accorded the honor of first practically demonstrating the application of steam for moving vessels, is Robert Fulton. It was not until 1803 that Fulton, with the assistance of Robert R. Livingston, our Minister to France, made his experiment with a steamboat on the Seine, at Paris, which was not a success. Three years later he commenced building the *Claremont*, at New York, in the shipyard of Charles Browne. It was not completed until August, 1807. This boat was a success, but it did not equal the speed of Fitch's boat of 1790 by three miles an hour. Fulton lived in Philadelphia in 1785 and 1786, the time Fitch was making his steamboat experiments in that city, and when he was petitioning Congress for assistance, and the States of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and New Jersey for exclusive rights to their waters for steam navigation, and when it was in July, 1786, that Fitch made a successful public trial of his skiff steamboat on the Delaware, can it for a moment be doubted that Fulton, with his inquisitive mind, was not fully aware of Fitch's inventions? This was more than twenty years before Fulton made his experiments on the Hudson. Some time in 1786 Fulton went to England and spent several years in the family of Mr. West, perfecting himself in the art of painting. After leaving that family, he spent two years in Devonshire, as a painter, and while there became acquainted with the Duke of Bridgewater, famous for his canals, and Lord Stanhope, a lover of mechanics. Owing, probably, to their influence, Fulton first turned his attention to canals and steam navigation. He then went to France, and spent seven years in Paris. While there, he visited Mr. Vail, with whom Fitch had entrusted his drawings and specifications pertaining to his steamboat, and Mr. Vail says, "*I lent Mr. Fulton of Paris all the specifications and drawings of Mr. Fitch, and they remained in his possession several months.*" According to the affidavits made by Robert Weir and Jacob Perkins, Mr. Fulton, in 1801, visited England, and was on board Symington's boat, on the Forth and Clyde canal. To gratify him, the boat was propelled by steam four miles and back, at the rate of six miles an hour. *Fulton took drawings of the machinery.* Chancellor Livingston, who was aiding Fulton in his steamboat projects, was a passenger on Fitch's boat on the *Collect*, and was also a passenger on Morey's boat from New York to Greenwich, and no doubt had seen the steamboat experiments of Stevens and Roosevelt on the Hudson. With

the drawings and specifications of Fitch, with the drawings and observations on board of Symington's boat, with the observations of Livingston on Fitch's and Morey's boat, it may be asked, to what discovery or invention pertaining to steamboats is Fulton entitled? One writer very justly remarks, "*If the inventions of others which Fulton has copied were removed from his boat, nothing would be left but the hull.*" In 1817 the original patents, drafts, specifications, and models, of Fitch and Fulton, were exhibited before a committee of the New York legislature, raised upon the petition of Governor Ogden of New Jersey. Witnesses were examined, and able counsel employed. Fulton and Livingston were represented by Cadwalader D. Colden and Thomas Addis Emmet; Fitch by Samuel A. Southard, Joseph Hopkinson, and Colonel Ogden. Certificates of Dr. Rittenhouse, Andrew Ellicott, Oliver Evans, and John Ewing, were produced, stating the performance of Fitch's steamboat. General Bloomfield testified that he "had been a passenger on board Fitch's boat on the Delaware in 1787 and 1788, and regarded the experiment as successful." The committee, after much deliberation, reported to the legislature that "*The steamboats built by Livingston and Fulton were in substance the invention patented to John Fitch in 1791, and Fitch, during the term of his patent, had the exclusive right to use the same in the United States.*" What stronger evidence can any one ask than the above to substantiate the claim of Fitch over Fulton to priority in steam navigation?

Fulton, when he commenced his experiments, had the advantage of the models, specifications, drawings, and plans of Fitch; had made a successful trip on Symington's and Miller's steamboat and taken drawings of the machinery; had the benefit of Livingston's observations on Fitch's and Morey's boats; had his engine built in England by James Watts; had influential and wealthy friends to assist him. Fitch, when he commenced his experiments, was not aware that there was a steam-engine in the world; made his own engine with the assistance of common blacksmiths; had to experiment as he progressed to know the relative position and power of the parts; was poor, but by selling lands in Kentucky, which he acquired by surveying, and by limited assistance from friends, surmounted incredible hardships, misfortunes, and discouragements, overcame every obstacle, and demonstrated to the world the first successful steamboat enterprise. To-day Fulton's memory is honored by a statue in the Capitol, from Pennsylvania, but Fitch's lone grave at Bardstown, Kentucky, has only a rough stone without inscription to mark his resting-place.* Let the State of Connecticut honor John Fitch, by erecting some fitting monument (preferably a statue, in one of the niches which adorn the front of its noble Capitol at Hartford) to perpetuate the memory of one of her most useful inventors. John Fitch m. 29 Dec., 1766, Lucy Roberts of Simsbury, Conn. *Ch.*:

1. Shailer, b. 3 Nov., 1768. *FAM.* 21.

2. Lucy, b. 1769; m. James Kilbourn, and died 1807.—*Kilbourn Gen.*

FAM. 15. Elijah⁵ (*Ebenezer*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Rev. James*,² *Thos.*¹), E. W.; m. (1) Mary Loomis, 28 Oct., 1742, who d. 5 May, 1744; m. (2) ———. *Child*:

1. Mary, b. 23, bp. 29, Apl., 1744 (*W. C. R.*); m. Ebenezer Reed of E. W., and was the mother of Des. Abner Reed of So. W., whose dau. Charlotte S. (wife of Samuel) Stiles, was the mother of the author of this history.

FAM. 16. Eleazer⁶ (*Eben.*,⁴ *Maj. James*,³ *Rev. James*,² *Thos.*¹), m. 11 May, 1738, Zeruah Hatch [Wales?]; res. Windham, Conn. *Ch.*:

1. Zeruah, b. and d. 19 July, 1739.

2. Zeruah, b. 9 Mch., 1741; m. Amariah Wright.

3. Eleazer, b. 20 Apl., 1743.

4. Nathaniel, b. 9 Aug., 1745; d. 12 May, 1800; m. Mary Thompson; had 10 ch., of whom (1) John, b. 9 Oct., 1780; d. 24 Jan., 1858; m. Martha Bradley, and had (a) John W., (b) William, ex-mayor of New Haven, Conn., (c) E. T. of New Haven, Conn., (d) Elizabeth W., wife of Dr. L. D. Wilcoxson of New Haven; (2) Rev.

Eleazer T., b. Jan., 1791; grad. Y. C., 1810, pastor of College Church, 1817-1852, New Haven.

5. Bridget, b. 14 Feb., 1748.

6. Shubael, b. 22 Feb., 1750.

7. Mary, b. 17 May, 1751.

8. Abner, b. 16 Dec., 1753; d. 6 Apl., 1754.

9. Olive, b. 5 June, 1755.

10. Luther, b. 9 Dec., 1757.

11. Jerusha, b. 2 Aug., 1761.—*Family Rec. from E. N. Shepard, Esq.*

* This biog. condensed from one by Dr. Wm. Wood of E. W. Hill, in *The Locomotive*.

FAM. 17. Medina² (Deu. and Lieut.) (*Eben.*,⁴ *Maj. James*,² *Rev. James*,² *Thos.*¹) of Ell., m. Lydia Avery of Ashford, Conn., 19 Dec., 1744. *Child*:

1. Jonathan, b. 15 Feb., 1745. — S.

FAM. 18. John² (*Capt. John*,⁴ *Capt. John*,³ *Rev. James*,⁴ *Thos.*¹), m. 7 Nov., 1753, Mercy Lathrop; he d. 25 June, 1755. *Children*:

1. Alice, b. 1 Jan., 1755.

2. John, b. Canterbury, Conn., 11 Jan., 1756. — S.

FAM. 19. James² (*Capt. John*,⁴ *Capt. John*,³ *Rev. James*,² *Thos.*¹), m. 23 May, 1763, Ann Hulbert; was a surveyor, and res. at Windsor. *Ch.* (b. Windham, Conn.):

1. Anne, b. at Windham, Conn., 16 Oct., 1765; m. Geo. Phelps of Windsor; had (1) James Lodewick; (2) Walter; (3) Samuel; a desc. S. E. Phelps of W., has a set of surveying instruments, tripod clock, etc., that came from the F. family.
2. James, b. at Windham, Conn., 11 Mch., 1767;

res. at Windsor. — E. Y. S.

3. John Mason, b. and res. at Windsor.

4. Anna Theresa, James Lodewick, David Yeomans, and John Mason, ch. of James, bp. 21 Oct., 1761; also David Y., m. Eunice Barber, 2 Aug., 1770. — W. C. R.

FAM. 20. Abraham² (*Nathan*,⁴ *Capt. Nath'l*,³ *Rev. James*,² *Thos.*¹), m. Betsy Bissell. *Children*:

1. Sarah, b. 14 Mch., 1759; m. Rufus Lamb.
2. Benjamin Bissell, b. 21 Sept., 1761. FAM. 22.
3. Arethusa, b. 27 Nov., 1764; m. Azel Hyde.
4. Almira, b. 1 Dec., 1767.

5. Azel, b. 29 Apl., 1771; m. Fanny Hinckley; had *Orramel H.*, who sett. Ashabula, O.
6. Ebenezer, b. 8 Aug., 1775; m. Nancy Sims; had *George S.*, who res. N. Y. city. — H. F.

FAM. 21. John Fields² (*Aug.*,⁵ *Joseph*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Joseph*,² *Thos.*¹), m. Lucy Mather of New Canaan, Conn.; kept store and distil. in So. W.; after birth of his ch. went to res. in N. Y. city, where he d. His widow d. Hartford, 29 Mch., 1802, a. 92. *Children* (rec. furnished by Mrs. J. M. Stiles, bp. E. W. C. R.):

1. John Field, bp. 24, d. 25 Dec., 1790, a. 24 yrs. — E. W. C. and E. W. C. R.
2. Electa, prob. the ch. bp. (E. W. C. R.) 1 Feb., 1790; m. John Smith, cooper, Hartford, 1814; a widow with two daughters.
3. Julia, b. 7, bp. 16 Sept., 1792 (E. W. C. R.); m. Thaddeus (s. Jos.) Hosmer, So. W., 29 Mch., 1818; had (1) Catherine, m. Timo. Cowles of E. H.; res. (1874) E. Springfield, Pa.; no issue; (2) Harriet N.; had an adopted dau., Ella, who m. (1) William (s. James) Bancroft of S. W.; m. (2) Hiram Dickenson (s. of him who m.

Eather Cowles); res. (1874) E. Springfield, Pa.

4. Augustus (M.D.), bp. 15 Feb., 1795 (E. W. C. R.); m. (1) Abigail Putnam of Hartford; m. (2) Sophia Mather of Westfield, Mass.; was a distinguished physician in Charleston, S. C.; had family.
5. Aurelia, bp. 30 Apl., 1797; res. Hartford; unm'd; living July, 1890.

6. Mary Mather, bp. 13 Jan., 1800; m. Joseph (s. Samuel) Terry, So. W., 8 Oct., 1823; sett. Hartford; she d. 27 Mch., 1887; had (1) Augustus, m., had ch., Hartford; (2) Frances, m. Leonard M. Hotchkiss, merchant, Hartford; has Mary Frances.

FAM. 22. Shaler² (*John*,⁵ *Joseph*,⁴ *Joseph*,³ *Joseph*,² *Thos.*¹), m. Louisa Borden (b. 10 Dec., 1778), 12 Oct., 1794. *Children*:

1. Jeremiah, b. 11 Oct., 1795.

2. John B., b. 21 May, 1797.

3. —, b. 6 June, 1799; d. inf.

4. Phebe B., b. 19 July, 1800; m. Aval Tracey.

5. Oscar, b. 28 June, 1803.

6. Shaler, b. 25 Jan., 1806.

7. Lucy, b. 20 Feb., 1810.

8. Irwena, m. Chester Fraincher. — W.

FAM. 23. Benjamin Bissell² (*Abr'm*,⁵ *Nathan*,⁴ *Nath'l*,³ *Rev. Jas.*,² *Thos.*¹), married Esther Hyde. *Children*:

1. Horatio, b. 16 June, 1791. FAM. 23.

2. Alexander, b. 25 Mch., 1799. — H. F.

FAM. 24. Horatio² (*Benj. B.*,⁵ *Abr'm*,⁵ *Nath.*,⁴ *Nath'l*,³ *Rev. Jas.*,² *Thos.*¹), who res. (1859) in Hartford. *Children*:

1. Henry Alexander.

2. William Goodwin.

3. John Lee.

4. Edward Bissell.

5. Mary Ann.

— H. F.

John (no relationship proved with the foregoing F. family), sett. at W.; received several grants of land in W., among them a part of the Hillier place on Silver St. His wife d. 11 Aug., 1673; he appears from his will (see p. 399, Vol. I.) to have had no ch. The beq. which he therein makes doubtless forms a part of the present fund of the Union Academy on Broad St., W.; est. valued at £46 01 00; less debts, £11 15 08 (*Ill'd. Prob. Rec.*, III. p. 174). He d. 9 (from wounds rec'd in the Swamp Fight in King Philip's War), and was buried 10 May, 1676 (see p. 225, Vol. I).

Joseph, Sen., d. 27 Dec., 1740, and J. F.'s wife d. 16 Oct., 1786 (E. W. C. R.).

Joseph's wife d. 11 Sept., 1748 (E. W. C. R.).

James, had:

1. Sarah, b. 3 Feb., 1755.
2. Hannah, b. 7 Apl., 1757.

3. Russell, b. 29 Sept., 1760.

4. James, b. 2 May, 1762.

Patty, d., æ. 90, A. H., 15 Mch., 1837 (*E. W. C. R.*).

Jeremiah, had:

1. Daniel, b. 17 Jan., 1760.
2. Thaddeus, b. 21 July, 1761.
3. Roxanna, b. 13 June, 1763.

4. Thankful, b. 16 Jan., 1765.
5. Convers, b. 24 Oct., 1769.

Chauncey, m. Anna Loomis of E. W., 30 Dec., 1819 (*Vernon Ch. Rec.*). Eli, m. Subra Cady, 23 Sept., 1821. Warren, m. Rachel Cook, 12 Feb., 1835 (*S. B.*). Susan, of Windsor; m. William Everett of Canton, 25 Aug., 1817. Samuel, m. Martha Rowell, 25 Apl., 1754; "y^r groom was y^a, as far as I could learn, more y^a 70 years old, and y^r bride near 80, neither of which had been married before" (*Rev. Hezekiah Bissell's Rec., Wby.*). John, of Hartford; m. Ann Hillier, wid. of Windsor, 9 Dec., 1656; Mrs. Ann d. 20 Jan., 1686 (*Col. Rec.*). John, son of John, s. of Joseph, b. 12 Feb., 1706. John (pensioner), d. 14 Oct., 1825 (*Wby. Ch. Rec.*). Joseph, son of Joseph, d. 18 Feb., 1697. Joseph, d. 29 Mch., 1789, æ. 80.

GENEALOGY
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE principal object of this volume is to exhibit the genealogy of that branch of the FITCH family, who are descended from THADDEUS FITCH, formerly of Vernon, Connecticut.

A large number of the Fitch Family, residing in Northern Ohio, hold a family reunion annually, and are organized for that purpose under the name of the "Fitch Association." Through the efforts of the Association, the complete genealogical record of the family was obtained and the purpose of this volume is to preserve and perpetuate such record.

In the preparation of the work, our thanks are due to Hon. J. S. T. Stranahan, from whose book entitled "Genealogies Stranahan, Josselyn, Fitch and Dow," we have drawn much of our information of the earlier generations of the family; to Mr. E. F. Jagger, of Windham, O., Mrs. Rachael Bradford, of Uncassville, Conn., Mr. A. Judd, of Hartford, Conn., for valuable informations; and also to Mr. M. W. Fitch, of Oakland, Cal., whose patient researches have enabled us to complete the family record.

J. G. F.

OLMSTED, O., December, 1886.

NORWICH TOWN.

First House Lots, 1633.



THE FITCH FAMILY.

The Fitch* name was anciently written Fythe, FFythe, Fyteh. Ffyteh, Ffitch, and some branches of the family in England still retain one or another of the forms of this old orthography. The family originated in Germany, and the modern German families Fichte, Ficht, Feicht, are probably descended from the original stock still remaining in that country. There is a traditionary legend that the family came to England from Saxony, from a place having a German name, meaning in English "Fitch fields."

In the records of the *Herald's* Office, in London, the genealogy of the Fitch family is quite full, much more so than common. In the *Herald's* visitations to Essex, the family pedigree is traced back from sons to fathers, step by step, to William, second son of John Fitch, who was living in Fitch Castle, in the Parish of Widdington, in the north-west part of Essex, in the 22d year of the reign of Edward I, i. e. A. D. 1294.

* From "the Fitch family" by the late Prof. G. L. Mills, not published.

Stranahan, in his "Genealogies" to whom we have already acknowledged our indebtedness, gives an account of the Fitch* family in England, differing in some particulars from that above given.

Among the earlier settlers in New England of the name of Fitch, Stranahan and also Prof. Mills mention the following :

"Jeremiah, who was the first Fitch whose name appears on record on this side of the Atlantic, at Lynn 1634, Reading 1644, Boston 1652, where four children are recorded as born to him, two of them sons, of whom one died in infancy. Deacon Zece-riah, of Reading, brother of Jeremiah, had seven sons and one daughter. James and wife came in 1635, settled in Brooklyn, had only one daughter. Richard, of Boston, brother of James, died childless. John, of Rehobeth, probably a brother of James and Richard, killed in the obstinate Indian fight, at Rehobeth, March 26, 1675, had four daughters and one son who died a minor. John, of Gloucester, who married Mrs. Mary Coil, 1667, but of whose descendants we are not informed."

John, of Windsor, Conn., died 1676, had been there many years, but probably not related to others of the name in Connecticut."

* See appendix I.

"Samuel, of Hartford, 1650, school teacher and representative; married Mary, widow of William Whiting; had Samuel who went to Milford, and Thomas, born 1652, who lived at Wethersfield. It is thought he may have been a brother of Rev. James. The above were early settlers of New England, not known to be of the race of Rev. James."

"From one of the remaining fragments of the ancient Church register of Bocking, adjoining Braintree, in Essex, we learn that Thomas Fitch married Ann Pew, August 6, 1611. Of their children, five sons and the widowed mother, emigrated to America, and settled in Connecticut." The names of only three are known with certainty, viz: Thomas, Joseph and James.

Thomas Fitch, came in company with other emigrants in 1638, and settled at Norwalk; (his wife unknown) had two sons, and was great-grandfather to Thomas Fitch, Governor of the Colony of Connecticut, from 1754 to 1766.

"Joseph Fitch, of Norwalk, Conn., in 1652; of Hartford, Conn., in 1660, where he married Mary, daughter of Rev. Samuel Stone, removed at Windsor, Conn., where he purchased a twentieth part of the original township, and was living as late as

1713." His great-grandson, John (whose father and grandfather bore the name of Joseph), born in East Windsor, Conn., January 21st, 1743, was the inventor of the first steamboat, "of whose many misfortunes the greatest was that he appeared in the world before it was prepared to appreciate the importance of the great discovery he had made."

"(Rev.) James Fitch, in whom we are more particularly interested, and whose descendants we propose to trace in the following pages, was born at Bocking, County of Essex, England, on the 24th of December, 1622, and was consequently in his sixteenth year when he came to this country, in 1638. After a long and thorough course of preparation for the ministry, under the Revs. Hooker and Stone, of Hartford, he was ordained in 1646, as pastor of the Church, at Saybrook, Conn. Here he remained until 1660, when he decided with the greater portion of his congregation to remove to the new settlement at Norwich. He labored there faithfully, as the pastor of the Church, which was gathered anew, until 1696, when he became disabled from further active service by a stroke of palsy. The town evidenced its appreciation of his character and services by voting to him, for several successive years, a continuance of a portion of his

salary, although he was a large land holder in Norwich, as well as in the towns of Lebanon and Windham. In 1702, he retired to Lebanon, where several of his children had settled and where he died."

"During the early colonial period in which Mr. Fitch lived, the clergy held the predominant influence in New England, in secular as well as religious affairs. Their countenance and advice was sought, not only in spiritual matters, but in the decision of political questions, affecting the public interest, as well as the worldly affairs of their parishioners. Thus we find that Mr. Fitch, in addition to being an original proprietor of Norwich, was one of the legatees of Joshua Uncas, and thus an original proprietor also of the town of Windham, where he received an allotment of five of the forty-eight shares, (of a thousand acres each) into which that township was divided. He was, also, much interested in the settlement of the town, as well as of Lebanon, and there is the best reason for believing that his counsel and assistance was frequently solicited by the early planters of those places. At the first town meeting held in Windham, June 11, 1692, a committee was appointed 'to go to Mr. Fitch to advise with him about a minister,' and it is probable that he often visited the new planta-

tions, and, at times, preached to the people before they had settled ministers of their own. And, although we possess but a meager record of his ministry, there is sufficient evidence that he was well qualified to lay, broadly, wisely and well, the foundations of the Colony in whose affairs he evidently held a prominent position of usefulness. Distinguished for the penetration of his mind, the energy of his preaching and the sanctity of his life, he seems well to have deserved the encomium of Cotton Mather, who calls him the 'holy and acute Mr. Fitch.' Many younger ministers studied with him, who were afterwards notable preachers of the word; and when his venerable teacher, the Rev. Mr. Hooker, of Hartford, died, he was invited to take his place. To this flattering request, his laconic reply was, 'with whom shall I leave these few sheep in the wilderness.' An election sermon, which he preached, by invitation, before the Colonial Assembly, received the compliment of being the first election sermon ever printed. To the Mohegan Indians he not only preached in their own language, but strove by gifts of his land, to induce them to adopt the habits of civilization. This called forth a letter of thanks from the General Assembly of the Colony of Connecticut, accom-

panied by an appropriation for the use of his assistants, and a committal to his charge of the Indians captured in 'King Philip's war.' To his influence indeed, the Colony had been largely indebted for the co-operation of Owaneco, Uncas and other Indians in that war,* in which he had also served as a Chaplain, with such acceptableness as to call forth from the Assembly an urgent request that he would act again in the same capacity. He has been justly characterized † as 'a wise, kind and good man, greatly beloved by his people, and who during the fifty years of his ministry, exercised a beneficial and extended influence, not only in spirit-

* "The Rev. Mr. Fitch appears to have been a man of true philanthropy and of enlarged missionary zeal. He made early efforts to instruct the natives in the truth of the gospel. He took pains to acquire their tongue, and was a frequent visitor in their wigwams. He impressed them with his own sincerity and benevolence, so that others who like Uncas himself remained obstinate in their unbelief, accorded him their entire confidence and regarded him with affectionate respect. To their temporal, as well as spiritual wants, he was always alive. His converts were formed into a settlement by themselves upon lands which he partly presented and partly procured for them from the town."—Bishop Lee's Discourse at Norwich Jubilee, p. 133.

† In ancient Windham Genealogies, published in the *Willimantic Journal*, by the late excellent Wm. L. Weaver.

ual matters, but in secular affairs—in things pertaining to the welfare of the Colony and the good order and prosperity of the new plantations.' His printed works, although few, were highly appreciated by the best minds of that day. They comprise a most tender and affectionate Sermon preached at the funeral of his mother-in-law, the wife of Major John Mason; an Election Sermon (in Yale Coll. Lib.) previously alluded to, preached in 1674; and in the possession of Mr. George Brinley, of Hartford, Conn., is a volume of 133 pages, 12mo, containing three distinct treatises by Mr. Fitch, viz: 'An explanation of the solemn advice, recommended by the Council in Connecticut to the inhabitants in that jurisdiction Respecting the Reformation of those evils which have been the procuring cause of the late judgments upon New England,' Boston, 1683; 'A brief discourse proving that the first day of the week is the Christian Sabbath wherein, also the Objections of the Anti-Christian Sabbatarians of late risen up in Connecticut Colony are refuted,' and 'The Covenant which was solemnly Renewed by the Church in Norwick, in Connecticut Colony, in New England, March 22, 1675.' We have also seen a volume by him entitled, 'The first Principles of the Doctrine of Christ; Together with Stronger

Meal for them that are skil'd in the word of Righteousness, or, The Doctrine of Living unto God wherein the Body of Divinity is briefly and methodically handled by way of Question and Answer. Published at the desire and for the use of the Church of Christ, in Norwich, in New England, by James Fitch, pastor of that Church," Boston, 1679. The three pages of 'To the Reader' are signed by the celebrated Rev. Dr. Increase Mather. He also wrote an interesting account of his work for the 'heathen,' in 1674, which is printed in Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll's 1st series i., 208, besides many letters to the Assembly which may be found in Trumbull's Colonial Records of Connecticut."

"Mr. Fitch's long and useful life closed on Nov. 18, 1702, according to the inscription on his gravestone although Lebanon records say Nov. 19. His wife survived him and was living in 1711. The date and place of her death has not been ascertained."

"His grave in the old burying ground at Lebanon, Conn., near the resting place of the Trumbulls, is marked by an upright slab bearing the following inscription: " *

*Said to have been written by his son, Rev. Jabez Fitch, Mass. Hist. Soc. Coll., First Series x., 68.

REMEMBER ETERNITY.

IN HOC SEPULCRO DEPOSITÆ SUNT RELIQUIÆ
 VIRI VERE REVERENDI D: IACOBI FITCH: NATUS
 FUIT APUD BOCKING IN COMITATU ESSEXLE IN ANGLIA,
 ANNO DOMINI 1622 DECEMB^r 24 - QUI POSTQUAM
 LINGUIS LITERATIS OPTIME INSTRUCTUS FUISSET
 IN NOVANGLIAM VENIT ÆTAT. 16 ET DEINDE VITAM
 DEGIT HARTEORDLÆ PER SEPENNIIUM SUB INSTITU-
 -TIONE VIRORUM CEEBERIMORUM D: HOOKER ET D: STONE
 POSTEA MTNERE PASSORALI FUNCTUS EST APUD SAY-
 BROOK PER ANNOS 14 ILLINC CUM ECCLESIE MAIORI
 PARTE NORVICUM MIGRAVIT ET IBI CETEROS VITÆ
 ANNOS TRANSEGIT IN OPERE EVANGELICO IN SEN-
 -ECTUTE VERO PRÆ CORPORIS INFIRMITATE NECES-
 -SARIO CESSABAT AB OPERE PUBLICO: TANDEMQUE
 RECESSIT LIBERIS APUD LEBANON UBI SEMIANNO
 FERE EXACTO OBDORMIVIT IN IESU ANNO 1702
 NOVEB^r 18 ETAT 80 VIR, INGENII ACUMINE,
 PONDERE JUDICII, PRUDENTIA CHARITATE, SANCTIS
 LABORIBUS, ET OMNIMODA VITÆ SANCTITATE PERIT-
 IAQUOQUE ET VI CONCIONANDI NULLI SECUNDUS.

 TRANSLATION.

“In this grave are deposited the remains of that
 truly reverend man, Mr. James Fitch. He was

born at Bocking, in the County of Essex, in England, the 24th day of December, in the year of our Lord 1622; who after he had been most excellently taught the learned languages came into New England at the age of sixteen, and then spent seven years under the instructions of those very famous men, Mr. Hooker and Mr. Stone. Afterwards he discharged the pastoral office fourteen years at Saybrook. Thence he removed with the major part of his Church to Norwich, where he spent the other years of his life in the work of the gospel. In his old age indeed he was obliged to cease from his public labors by reason of bodily indisposition and at length retired to his children at Lebanon, when after spending nearly half a year he slept in Jesus in the year 1702, on the 18th day of November, in the 80th year of his age."

"He was a man as to the smartness of his genius, the solidity of his judgment, his charity, holy labors, and every kind of purity of life, and also as to his skill and energy of preaching, inferior to none."

(From a signature of 1651.)

James Fitch.

Rev. Mr. Fitch married (1), October, 1648, Abigail (daughter of Rev. Henry Whitfield, minister of Guilford, Conn.;) she died September 9, 1659. He married (2), October, 1664, Priscilla, daughter of Major John Anne (Peck*) Mason.†. *Children* by his first wife, (all born at Saybrook, Conn.):

James², born August 2, 1649.

Abigail, born August, 1650, married Capt. John‡ (son of Major John) Mason and had two children:

Elizabeth, born January, 1651-2, married Rev. Edward Taylor, of Westfield, Mass., September 5, 1674; she died in 1689, having had eight children most of whom died young.§

* Supposed to have been a daughter of Rev. Robert Peck, of Hingham, England, and Mass.—See History of Hingham, page 20. Also, Dorchester.

† See Appendix II.

‡ One of the six Connecticut Captains killed in the Swamp Fight, in King Philip's war.

§ Mr. Taylor was a student with Rev. Mr. Fitch, and his attachment to the daughter probably commenced at that time. A love letter received by her from him before their marriage has been preserved, which is interesting as showing the quaint and peculiar style of the age. The letter was accompanied by a rough pen sketch of a carrier dove with a olive branch in its mouth and the following inscription on the body of the dove:

"This dove and olive branch to you,
Is both a post and emblem too."

Hannah, born September, 1653, married Thomas Meeks or Mix, of New Haven, Conn., June 30, 1679, and settled on the East side of the Shetucket, within the limits of Ancient Norwich; they had nine children:

Samuel¹, born April, 1655.

Dorothy, born April, 1658, became the second wife of Nathaniel Bissell, of Windsor, Conn., had two children, and died June 28, 1691. *Children* by his second wife, (all born at Norwich, Conn.):

Daniel⁴, born August 16, 1665.

John⁵, born January, 1667.

Jeremiah⁶, born September, 1670.

Jabez⁷, born April, 1672.

Ann, born April, 1675, married Joseph (only son of Major William) Bradford, of Plymouth, (by his second wife); they settled at Norwich, but removed to Lebanon, where she died October 17, 1715, leaving issue:

Nathaniel⁸, born October, 1679.

Joseph⁹, born November, 1681.

Eleazer¹⁰, born May 14, 1683, married his first cousin, Martha, daughter of Captain John and Anne (Mason) Brown, of Swanzey, Mass.; settled at Le-

banon, Conn., where he was a deacon, and where he died about 1747. His wife survived him; to whom he left his property, having no issue.

Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the Line of his Son JAMES.

“(Major) JAMES FITCH² was a prominent and influential man in his day; and the owner of a vast amount of land, which he accumulated by legislative grants, by purchase from other grantees, and through his intimate connection with the Indians, of whom he was a noted friend and patron. Indeed, after the death of Major John Mason, he possessed more influence over the sachems than any one else in the colony. In 1684, he received from Owaneco the native right and title to a large tract, extending from the Quimbaug River, north of the present town of Brooklyn, Conn., westward, forty-five miles and northward to beyond the northern boundary of Massachusetts. Out of this, in 1686, he sold the Town of Pomfret, consisting of 15,100 acres, for £30! In 1687, he received from the same Chief parcels of land in Plainfield and Can-

terbury, several miles in extent. In addition, also, he owned land in various localities in the neighborhood of Norwich, and as one of Joshua's legatees, and an original proprietor of Windham, was allotted five one thousand acre shares, one located at Windham Centre, one at Willimantic, and three at Mansfield. He settled at Norwich, but lived in Preston, Plainfield, and Canterbury, of which latter town he was the founder, having purchased the land, made the first clearing, laid it out in farm and house lots, and erected the first barn and framed house within its limits. He was a brave and experienced partisan soldier in the Indian wars; and active in politics, representing Norwich for several sessions, in the General Assembly, and was chosen, in 1681, one of the Assistants of the Colony. An early patron of Yale College, to which he gave the glass and nails for its first edifice, he further renewed his interest by an endowment of 637 acres of land in Killingly Township—an act which, in the then peculiar situation of the infant institution, (1701) ensured its established permanence. He evidently possessed good abilities, excellent business capacity, great activity, energy, and industry, and was among the very foremost men of the Colony in his day. He died in Canterbury, November 10, 1727, aged 80."

Major Fitch married (1) in 1676 Elizabeth Mason, youngest daughter of Major John, and sister of his father's second wife; she died Oct. 8, 1684, and he married (2) May 8, 1687, Mrs. Alice, daughter of Major William Bradford, of Plymouth, and widow of Rev. Wm. Adams, of Dedham, Mass. *Children* (by his first wife):

James, born January, 1678, died aged one week.

James, born June, 1679, died early, unmarried.

Jedidiah, born April 17, 1681, married Elizabeth —, had Elizabeth and Peter.

Samuel, born July 12, 1683, had James, Samuel, Sarah, Mary, John, etc.

Elizabeth, born 1684, married——. *Children* (by his second wife):

Abigail, born February 22, 1688, married Col. Dyer of Canterbury, Conn.

Ebenezer, born January 10, 1690.

Daniel, born February, 1693, married Anna Cooke.

John, born 1695.

Bridget, born 1697.

Jerusha, born 1699, married Daniel Bissell.

William, born 1701.

Jabez, born 1703. m Lucia?

dau. Thomas m. Tyxhall esq.

Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the Line of his Son SAMUEL.

SAMUEL³, (son of Rev. James) was one of the earliest inhabitants east of Shetucket, a landholder in East Norwich, (in what is called Long Society, now included in Preston, Conn.,) where his father had a large grant; was a settler there in 1687, and living as late as 1725.* His wife's name is unknown. He had various lots of land granted to him, and laid out in the town of Lebanon, Conn., in 1695 and 1701, but it does not appear that he ever resided there, although some of his descendants settled there. He was the ancestor of the late Col. Asa Fitch, of Bozrah, Conn., (and also of the Colonel's wife—a second cousin of the same name,) from whom are descended the Fitch families of that town; and also of Hon. G. N. Fitch, U. S. Senator from Indiana, and other prominent men. From deeds, etc., we learn the names of his *Children*—Hezekiah; Jabez; Benjamin; Peletiah¹.

Peletiah¹, (son of Samuel³) married Eliz.—who died 1778, at residence of her grandson, Col. Asa

* Miss Caulkins says he died in 1725. Nearly all the information we have concerning this family, is from land records.

Fitch, at Bozrah, Conn. He died 1750, leaving a son, Benjamin².

Benjamin² married Amy——, who died at Lisbon, 1795, aged 66. He died at Lisbon, 1763, aged 36, leaving John³.

John³ died 1840, aged 92, and had John, Jr., (M. D.,) of Clinton, N. Y., who died 1841, æ. 61, and had Eliza S., first wife of Col. John Barstow; John L. of Bridgeport, born 1807, who married, 1841, Eliza Worden, and had William W.; John II.; Frank E.; and (twins) Mary W. and Marion; Jared W.; (M. D.,) of Oneida, N. Y.; Thomas B., of Syracuse, N. Y.; Irene, second wife of Col. Barstow; William M.; Emory W.; and Frank E.

Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the Line of his Son DANIEL.

(Capt.) DANIEL⁴, (son of Rev. James), settled at New London (at the place now known as Montville), Conn.; was an active soldier in the Indian wars of his day; and owned three farms, one at Dry Brook, one lying on both sides of "the Connecticut path," (the road to Hartford through Colchester), and a homestead at Trading Cove, which

was a town grant to his father, and which has descended, by inheritance, to his descendants in the present day.

He married, March, 1698, Mary, (daughter of Matthew) Sherwood, of Fairfield, Conn.; and died June 3, 1711. *Children:*

Adonijah, born April, 1700—called "Captain;" and married twice. By his first wife had Anne, who married her second cousin, Samuel Hyde, and Sarah, who married Thomas Rogers, of Montville. Captain Adonijah's second wife was Anne, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Calkins) Hyde, of Lebanon, and widow of Simon Gray, of Lebanon. Captain Adonijah had other children whose names are unknown.

James, born October, 1702, (according to Preston records, but in private records, October 18, 1703), —called "Captain"—married Anne (daughter of Robert) Dennison, and settled at Lebanon, where he died in 1789; and was ancestor of Hon. Jeremiah Mason, an eminent lawyer and United States Senator from New Hampshire; who spent his latter years in Boston, Mass.

Lemuel, born January, 1704, named in distribution of his father's estate, was at Colchester in 1731.

Mary, born September, 1707, married (1) 1726,

Rev. James Hillhouse, first minister of Montville, and probably ancestor of all of that name in this country.* (2) in 1740, Rev. John Owen, of Groton, Conn. She died 1768.

Daniel, married November 16, 1732, Sarah Sherwood, (daughter of Samuel) of Stratford, now Bridgeport, Conn. He died in 1755, leaving a large property, a widow and the following *Children*: Samuel, Sherwood, James, Abiah, Rachel, Eleanor, Sarah, Mary, Anne and Abigail.

Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the Line of his Son JOHN.

(Capt.) JOHN FITCH⁵, (son of Rev. James) received from his father on the 13th of May, 1696, the gift of a thousand acres right in Windham, Conn., the home lot of which was number 13 at the center, and the house built by him remained in

* Among whom was a daughter of Hon. James Hillhouse, who became the first wife of Rev. Dr. Hewitt, of Bridgeport, Conn., and had Rev. Augustus, of the Roman Catholic Church; Rebecca, who married Dr. — Bowen, of Bridgeport, and Dr. Henry, a surgeon in the civil war in Tennessee, and who married Catharine Hurd, of Bridgeport.

the family over a hundred years. He had a superior education for that day and was a prominent and useful citizen. He was chosen Town Clerk of Windham, Dec. 4, 1704, which office he held by successive annual re-elections, until his death in 1743, a period of thirty-eight years. He was also for a short time Judge of Probate, and Captain of Militia, and represented the town in the Colonial Legislature at twenty different sessions, from 1712 to 1742. He first "owned the covenant" in the Norwich Church, of which he was a full member in 1700. He was a man of wealth, high social position, and extensive influence.

He married July 10, 1695, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of Thomas and Miriam (Tracy) Waterman, of Norwich, Conn. He died May 24, 1743, aged 75 years; she died June 25, 1751, aged about 76 years. *Children:*

Elizabeth, born June 1, 1696, married Nathaniel Webb, of Windham, son of Samuel Webb, the first Windham settler of that name, and became the ancestor of the Windham and Scotland Webb families.

Miriam, born October 17, 1699, married Hezekiah Riley, of Windham, and died in 1744, without issue.

Priscilla, born February 5, 1702, married Rev. Solomon Paine, of Canterbury, Conn.

John, born March 18, 1705.

Descendants of the Rev. JAMES FITCH, the Settler, in the Line of his Son JEREMIAH.

“(Capt.) JEREMIAH FITCH⁶, ancestor of the Coventry, Columbia, Andover, Willimantic and Bolton families of the name, settled at Lebanon, Conn., where lands had been granted him soon after his marriage. He remained there until 1703, (perhaps a little later) where he removed and settled on lands now included in South Coventry. The home farm owned by him in Coventry (in which it was included in 1723), is yet in possession of his descendants, being owned by the heirs of the late Dea. Appollos Fitch. The old homestead was a little north of the present home and on the other side of the road. Miss Caulkins gives it as a tradition that the Fitches always selected their farms beside rivers, and were noted for securing the best lands. Capt. Jeremiah certainly acted in accordance with the tradition; his farm (which is located in the “Flanders District” and was called “the mile and a

quarter"), is a beautiful and excellent one, including a large slice of the Willimantic Meadows" mentioned in the early records where the first Windham and Norwich settlers it is said, were accustomed annually to resort for their winter supply of hay before the country was much cleared. In October, 1708, he was commissioned Captain of the second company of militia in the town of Lebanon. This second company was probably in the second society (now the town of Columbia, Conn.,) then known from the shape of the district, as Lebanon Crank.* Capt. Jeremiah and his wife were members of the Windham Church before that in Coventry was formed, and the first mention of him in the latter Church's records (the first portion of which is missing) is October 22, 1719, when he was appointed one of the committee to "seat" the inhabitants of the "Mile and a Quarter" in the meeting-house, *i. e.* to assign them their proper places. In 1723 he was chosen a Selectman of Coventry, which office he held for six years—the last time being in 1735. He represented the Town in the General Assembly during ten sessions (1725–1734), possessed considerable influence in town affairs, and was esteemed by his cotemporaries.

* MSS. Rec. Vol. IV p. 48, Sec'y of State's Office.

He was, according to family tradition, a noted land surveyor, and surveyed much of the towns of Lebanon, Coventry, and, it is said, a portion of Windham. There are some interesting facts in the life of Capt. Fitch, as related by Hon. J. Hammond Trumbull, in an account of the "Hartford Riot," published in the *Hartford Press* some years since, and which from their inaccessibility to general readers are worthy of preservation in this form for the benefit of those particularly interested. After giving some account of the will of Joshua Uncas and his legatees, as well as of the difficulties concerning land titles that arose in consequence, he says, "that about 1700, pioneer settlers found their way from Hartford and Windsor to what is now probably the south-east part of Coventry, some under former conveyances from the legatees, others by "squatters' law,"—took possession of lands about Wongumbaug pond, between Hop and Willimantic rivers. Not far above the junction of the two streams, Capt. Jeremiah Fitch, a son of Rev. James, and brother of Major James Fitch of Canterbury, who at this time was one of the most popular and influential men in Eastern Connecticut (though a determined opponent of Gov. Saltonstall) had purchased a considerable tract and estab-

lished his residence. His house, however, and part of his farm, was south of the boundary of Coventry, as first established, and was alleged to be within the tract reserved by Joshua for his sons, and was conveyed by Abimeleck, the last surviving son, to Major John Clark and Rev. Thomas Buckingham, of Saybrook. In May, 1721, Major Clark brought an action in the Superior Court of Hartford County to recover possession. The case was obstinately contested on both sides, and in March, 1722, judgment was given for plaintiff, and execution granted for costs, amounting to £14 13s. Capt. Fitch was obstinate—it was returned unsatisfied, and he was committed to Hartford Prison. His neighbors at Hop River, “the Mile and a Quarter,” Lebanon and Coventry, were indignant, and similar action was threatened against some of themselves—there was, indeed, scarcely a farm in that region over which there was not two or three conflicting titles. They resolved on a demonstration. On Monday afternoon, October 22, 1722, a party from Hop River, and some from (East) Windsor, about fifty in all, crossed the Hartford ferry and marched to the jail to demand the immediate release of Capt. Fitch. The jailor refused compliance—but a battering-ram was soon found

in a piece of timber lying near—the door was burst open—they rushed in and carried off Capt. Fitch in triumph. Their retreat, however, was not unmolested. Col. Wm. Whiting, the High Sheriff, with some assistance, overtook them at the riverside and made every exertion to recapture the prisoner. His efforts were unavailing. The rioters, after the interchange of a few blows, and much scuffling, all got on board the ferry boat and compelled the ferryman, in spite of Col. Whiting's command to the contrary, to put off from the shore and land them on the east side.

At the Special Court, May, 1723, fifteen were convicted of riot, etc. Two were sentenced to be branded in the forehead, others were fined from £2 to £20, and two or three escaped by giving evidence for the prosecution. Capt. Fitch was fully acquitted of all participation in the riot and "burglary"—the Court not regarding it as a crime, or even evidence of "burglarious intent," that he walked out of prison with his friends, when the doors were open.

This lawsuit had a curious sequel: Major Clark found it more difficult to *keep* than to obtain possession. In 1724 he was again a suitor in the Superior Court to recover the land of which Captain

Fitch had again "dispossessed" him—when the jury gave a verdict for *the defendant*. So Capt. Fitch was left in quiet possession. Among the participants in the expedition and riot was Stephen Brown, the first Willimantic settler of that name. He was the cousin of Capt. Fitch, his mother and Jeremiah's both being daughters of Maj. John Mason.*

2 Capt. Jeremiah Fitch married Ruth, probably daughter of Stephen Gifford† and Hannah Gallup,‡ of Norwich. Capt. Fitch died in Coventry, Conn., May 22, 1736, aged 65 years, his wife survived him, and was living in 1756. *Children:*

3 Jeremiah, born probable in 1707 or 1708.

(Twins), Lucy and Ruth, born April 18, 1699, in Lebanon, Conn. Ruth married Daniel Whitmore, of Coventry, Conn.

Hannah, born January 18, 1701, in Lebanon, Conn., married Humphrey Davenport, of Coventry, Conn., May 9, 1726.

Abner², born July 8, 1703, in Lebanon, Conn.

Gideon, probably born in Coventry, Conn., mar-

* Weaver says, with truth that the Masons and Fitches were all powerful in Eastern Connecticut in their day, and their influence was felt in the whole Colony.

† Appendix III.

‡ Appendix IV.

ried Sarah Caulkins, probably settled in Norwich, Conn.

Elisha³, born in Coventry, Conn., was executor of his father's will.

James⁴, born in Coventry, Conn.

Joseph, born in Coventry, Conn.

2 Stephen, born 1712, in Coventry, Conn., married, January 24, 1837, Eleanor Strong, and probably removed to Willimantic. Weaver, in *Genealogies of Ancient Windham*, (No. cxiv), devotes considerable space to the proof of this Stephen having been the son of Capt. Jeremiah Fitch. The most important fact, in addition to other presumptive testimony which he presents, is, that the late Jephtha Fitch, of Coventry, son of Abner, and grandson of the Captain Jeremiah, born in 1752, and died in 1829, stated distinctly to his descendants now living, that Stephen Fitch, father of the late Erastus Fitch, of Willimantic, *was his own cousin*. This could not be, unless their fathers were brothers. Stephen above named, was son of Stephen the Willimantic settler. 'This statement being so recent and distinctly remembered,' renders it certain, in his opinion, 'that the Willimantic Fitches are descendants of Rev. James Fitch and Major John Mason.'

3 (Lieutenant) JEREMIAH¹, (son of Capt. Jeremiah⁶) married, (1) January 6, 1730, Mercy, (daughter of Capt. Thomas), Porter, of Coventry, Conn. She was born October 10, 1708, and died January 27, 1734. He married (2) widow Martha Gifford, June 4, 1744. He died January 8, 1779, in his 72d year. Children, (by his first wife):

Lucy, born September 12, 1730.

4 Mary, born January 18, 1733, died May 7, 1749.
Hannah, born September 13, 1735.

John, born September 13, 1742, died March 25, 1745.

(By his second wife):

Mercy, born June 7, 1746, died March 10, 1761.

Jeremiah, born January 4, 1748, married September 8, 1776, Sybil Dimmick, had——born 1777.

Jeremiah, born 1778.

(Twins), Mary,—still-born—and John, born December 20, 1754.



House built by Capt. Abner Fitch, Coventry, Conn., still occupied.

- 3 (Capt.) ABNER,² (son of Captain Jeremiah,⁶) removed with his father's family to Coventry, about 1706; where he married (1) Ruth Rose,* of that town, February 17, 1736. He married (2) widow — Lee, when he was 82 years old, and died at the age of 95. From the Coventry Town, Church and Society Records, he seems to have been a man of considerable note. In the year 1731, '34 and '50, he was a Lister and Inspector; in 1737 and '59 a Grand Juror; in 1733, '46 and '65 a Highway Surveyor; 1736 a Collector of Ministerial Rates; in 1747 and '50 an Auditor of the accounts of the two previous treasurers of the Society; in 1751, Moderator of the Society's Meeting; and in 1753, one of the "Seaters" of the Meeting House, an office of no small importance and respectability in those days. Capt. Fitch and his wife are found upon the list of church-members during the pastorate of Dr. Huntington, who was settled in 1763—there having been, apparently, no previous church records. Mr. Fitch is called "Sergeant" in 1747; "Ensign" in 1750, and "Captain" in 1753. Children, (all by first wife):

Jeremiah, born March 29, 1737,

- 4 Jephtha, born March 26, 1740, probably died young.

Bettie, born September 11, 1743, married Daniel Cutler, of Lisbon, Conn., where she died.

Ruth, born October 13, and died Dec. 3, 1744.

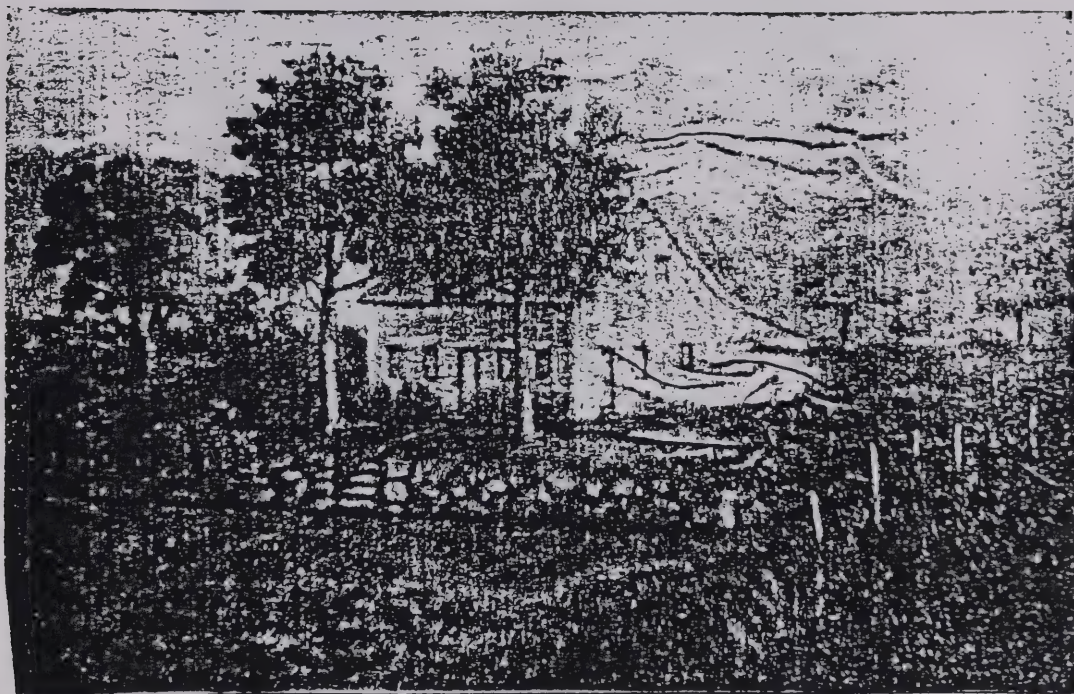
Ruth, born —, married — Lyon, of Woodstock, where they lived and died.

Abner,³ born November 18, 1749.

Jephtha,⁶ born September, 1752.

* Appendix V.

- 2 ELISHA,³ (son of Capt. Jeremiah,⁶) married, May 27, 1736, Priscilla Patten. Children:
Deborah, born 1736, died October 15, 1741.
Elemuel, born 1739.
Deborah, born and died 1742.
Joseph, born 1743.
Josiah, born 1746, married Ruhama Allen, had ?
3 Jerusha, Philena, Mason, Anthon, Parmissa.
Nathan, born 1748.
Deborah, born, 1752.
Elijah, born 1754.
Jasper⁷.
2 - JAMES⁴, (son of Capt. Jeremiah⁶.) married, October 6, 1738, Phebe Meeagh. Children:
Richard, born January 31, 1742.
Phebe, born March 6, 1748.
Jesse, born March 11, 1752.

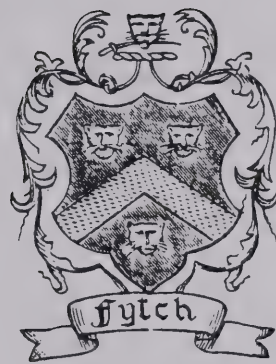


House built by Jeremiah Fitch, Vernon, Conn.

JEREMIAH FITCH, (son of Capt. Abner Fitch, of Coventry, Conn.,) settled at Windsor, Conn. On the 17th of July, 1756, Capt. Abner Fitch bought of Joseph Webster a farm "a certain piece or parcel of land lying in said Windsor," and it is not improbable that Jeremiah Fitch, his son, may have occupied the farm soon after its purchase by his father. By deed of gift dated October 28th, 1765, Capt. Abner Fitch conveyed the same land to his son Jeremiah in which he is spoken of as "my well beloved son, Jeremiah Fitch, of Windsor, in the County of Hartford," etc. The farm appears to have been a fine one. The farm buildings were located on the south side of the road on rising ground, affording to the westward a fine view of the Hockanum River and the broad valley of the Connecticut. In the opposite direction arose the rugged, wooded hills and mountains which bound the valley on the east.

We are unable to give more than a meager account of Jeremiah Fitch. He was, according to family tradition, a farmer and tavern keeper. At the time he first settled on this farm it was included in old Windsor; then it formed part of East Windsor; next it was a part of the Parish of North Bolton, formed of parts of Bolton and East Windsor; and lastly, by act of the Legislature in 1808, the Parish of North Bolton* was incorporated a town and called Vernon. The farm remained in possession of the Fitch family until about 1830, when it was sold by the widow and sons of Thaddeus Fitch, previous to their emigration to Ohio.

* See Barber's Hist. of Conn.



The manufacturing Village of Talcottville is now located on it.

- 4 — Jeremiah Fitch married February 1, 1759, Abigail Whitmore, at Coventry, Conn., daughter of Daniel and (Dorcas) Whitmore, of Killingly, Conn. She was born at Killingly, July 5, 1733. According to the records of Killingly, Daniel Whitmore, his wife and five children, died in 1741, and it is not improbable that the family were broken up and that Abigail was living with some relative in Coventry at the time of her marriage to Jeremiah Fitch. Jeremiah Fitch died August 20, 1796, buried at North Bolton (now Vernon, Conn.) His wife survived him more than twenty years, dying February 4, 1818, and buried beside her husband.

Children:

Daniel, born January 17, 1760, died unmarried, July 20, 1785.

Thaddens, born July 27, 1761.

Roxana, born June 13, 1763.

Thankful, born January 16, 1765.

Converse, born October 24, 1769.

Miriam, born January 9, 1772.

- 5 — THADDEUS FITCH, (son of Jeremiah Fitch), married Rebecca Webster, of North Bolton, Nov. 27, 1788. She was the daughter of Elijah Webster, of Bolton, where she was born, September 10, 1766. Her grandfather, Ezekiel Webster, was killed by the Indians near Syracuse, N. Y. Thaddens Fitch, by the terms of his father's will, inherited one-half of his father's land, "lying in Bolton and East Windsor;"—"Thaddens on the north side of the farm lying in Bolton;"—subject to the right of his mother to "one-half the improvement of my land,"

so runs the will. The portion of the farm devised to Thaddeus Fitch included the house and other farm buildings, and became his home during the remainder of his life. His mother appears to have lived with him until his death; and afterward until her death, with her grandsons Chester and Chauncey Fitch, who occupied the old home after the death of their father Thaddeus Fitch. She was, according to the testimony of her grandson, Chauncey Fitch, a "nice old lady." Thaddeus Fitch was a prosperous farmer, and at the time of his death the owner of lands in East Windsor and East Hartford, in addition to the farm inherited from his father. He appears to have been a man of good standing in the community. In 1802 he was collector of the Society for rate for the Ecclesiastical Society of North Bolton. In 1805 he was a surveyor of highways. At a general meeting of Republicans in 1805 he appears to have been appointed sole manager for the County of Tolland; and was executor of his father's will. Children:

- Daniel, born November 1, 1789.
- Chester, born March 17, 1791.
- Nancy, born June 10, 1793.
- Chauncey, born January 1, 1795.
- Almyra, born January 19, 1797.
- Eli, born September 28, 1798.
- Betsey, born October 25, 1800.
- Sanford, born November 19, 1802.
- Horace, born November 18, 1804.
- Elisha, born July 3, 1807.
- Walter, born Feb. 23, 1809; died June 3, 1811.
- Mary, born February 25, 1811; died September 15, 1830.

Thaddeus Fitch died April 16, 1816, aged 54 years, and was buried at Vernon, Conn.

Rebecca, widow of Thaddeus Fitch, married (2) February 11, 1819, John Walker, Esq., of Vernon, Conn. He died November 18, 1828.

After the death of her second husband, Rebecca Walker went to Ohio with her children. She died at the home of her son Eli, at Olmsted, O., September 30, 1849, aged 83 years, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the Line
of his Son DANIEL.*

- Daniel Fitch, (son of Thaddeus Fitch), married Jerusha Loomis, January 7, 1813. She was the daughter of Gideon Loomis, of East Windsor, Conn., born August 25, 1793; and was a descendant of Joseph Loomis, the first settler in this country, who came over with his family in the ship *Mary and John* from at or near Bristol, England, in the year 1630. He settled first at Dorchester, Mass., removed to Windsor, Conn. His name and that of his son John, appear on record among the inhabitants of Windsor, in 1640. Mr. Fitch lived with his father-in-law at East Windsor, Conn., and carried on his farm, where he remained until 1823, when he moved to Genessee County, N. Y., and to Cattaraugus County in 1825, where he settled on a farm. In 1840 the removal to Ohio and eventually settled on a farm in Townsend, Huron County, O.,

where he died September 18, 1852, and was buried at Norwalk, O. He was an earnest Christian, a member of the Methodist Church, and much respected in the communities where he lived. He was jointly with his brother Chester, executor of his father's will. Jerusha Fitch, after the death of her husband, removed with nearly all her family to Rock County, Wisconsin, where she remained until 1874, when she returned to Norwalk, O., where she died Feb. 21, 1875, and was buried beside her husband. *Children:*

Walter W., born November 18, 1813.

7 Henry L., born February 22, 1816.

Thaddeus, born March 30, 1818.

Mary Ann, born August 16, 1820.

Harriet E., born October 12, 1822. All born at East Windsor, Conn.

Emily C., born March 19, 1825.

Horace, born April 3, 1827.

Augustus B., born July 18, 1830.

Alfred B., born October 11, 1833.

Newell D., born Nov. 25, 1835. All born at Leon, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.

7—Walter Fitch, (son of Daniel Fitch), went with his father's family to New York State in 1823, and to Ohio about 1840. He married Laura Barton of Ridgeville, O., July 4, 1845. They had five *Children:*

Caroline, born at Olmsted Falls, O., in 1846.

7 Plumer, born at Ridgeville, O., in 1848.

James, born at Townsend, O., in 1850.

(Twins), Mary and Sarah, born at Avon, Rock Co., Wis., in 1857.

Walter W. Fitch died at Spring Valley, Wis., October, 1866.

- 8 - Caroline Fitch, (daughter of Walter Fitch), married Henry Johnson, 1874.
- 7 - Mary Fitch, (daughter of Walter Fitch), married Silas Bliss, 1879. One child, Walter W. Bliss, born 1880.
- 8 - Sarah Fitch, (daughter of Walter Fitch), married Alexander Hamilton 1883. One child, Laura, born 1885.
- 7 - Henry L. Fitch, (son of Daniel Fitch), married Harriet Wells at Dayton, Cattaraugus Co., N. Y.
Children:
- 8 - Jane, born at Leon, N. Y., in 1844. Married Mortimer Nelson in 1864. They had six children —three sons and three daughters.
- 8 - Erwin, born at Leon, N. Y., in 1846, was a soldier in the war of the southern Rebellion. He died at Madison, Wis., in 1865.
- 7 - Thaddeus, (son of Daniel Fitch), married at Leon, N. Y., in 1840, Lucy Boardman. Children:
- 8 - Alanson B., born at Berea, O., July 26, 1842, died September 10, 1843.
- 8 - James A., born at Olmsted, O., in 1844. He married Olive Miner, at Collins, O., Oct. 10, 1865, and died at Clyde, O., Jan. 8, 1874.
- 8 - Edgar E., born at Towusend, O., Nov. 25, 1848, married Ida Hatfield, at Clyde, O., July 12, 1876.
- 7 - Mary A., (daughter of Daniel Fitch), married at Leon, N. Y., in 1840, Charles Morse. One child, Lucius, born at Leon, N. Y., in 1843.
- 8 - Mary A. Morse died at Berea, O., Oct. 12, 1845. Buried at Berea, O.
- 7 - Harriet Fitch, (daughter of Daniel Fitch), married at Leon, N. Y., Simon Purdy, Feb. 26, 1843. They had two Children:

- 7 Juliette, born at Townsend, O., in 1845, and
 Eugene, born June 9, 1851, died April 4, 1865.
 Juliette Purdy married John Ward, Jan. 4, 1864.
 One child, Eugene, born at Spring Valley, Wis.,
 March 21, 1865. Mr. Purdy lives at Brodhead, Wis.
 7- Emily C. (daughter of Daniel Fitch), married at
 Townsend, Ohio, December 27, 1848, George Ben-
 son. Mr. Benson was a soldier in the war of the
 Rebellion: A member of Company B, 25th Reg't
 Ohio Volunteer Infantry. He died at Hilton Head,
 S. C., September 6, 1864. *Children:*

Ella I., born August 30, 1850, married at Nor-
 walk, O., Sept. 8, 1880, Mark K. Lee.

Emma, born at Townsend, O., October 12, 1853;
 died at Norwalk, O., December 6, 1870.

Frank A., born at Orfordville, Wis., September
 22, 1857, married at Fremont, O., Vinnie Gallagher,
 August 6, 1884. One child, Kate F. Benson, born
 May 1, 1886. Emily C. Benson married (2) James
 Secley, March 10, 1868. They live at Norwalk, O.

- 7- Horace Fitch, (son of Daniel Fitch), was born in
 the State of New York, removed with his father's
 family to Ohio, and with his mother and family to
 Rock County, Wis. He was popular among his
 associates, and had many friends. He was never
 married. He was a soldier in Company E, 22d
 Regiment Wisconsin Volunteers in the war of the
 Rebellion. Died at Danville, Kentucky, January
 4, 1863; and was buried at Orfordville, Wis.

- 7- Augustus Fitch, (son of Daniel Fitch), married
 Anna Bunting, July 4, 1858. *Children:*

May, born January, 1859.

- 8 Emma, born in 1861.

Jesse, born in 1863.

Fred, born in 1865.

Hattie, born 1868.

7— Alfred B., (son of Daniel Fitch), married Sarah E. Whitehead, of Plymouth, Wis., in 1864. One child, Frank E., born February 17, 1867.

7— Newell D., (son of Daniel Fitch), married Martha Shirley, of Spring Valley, Wis., January 21, 1864.

Children:

8 Hubert, born Nov. 8, 1864, died Aug. 22, 1866.

8 Horace, born Oct. 15, 1869, died Nov. 28, 1870.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the Line
of his Son CHESTER.*

6— CHESTER FITCH, (second son of Thaddeus Fitch), received a fair common school education and was brought up a farmer. He married Betsy Edmonds, March 17, 1813, who was born September 20th, 1792, and was an adopted daughter of Daniel Elmer of North Bolton, Conn. At the death of his father, in 1816, Mr. Fitch inherited a part of his large farm, on which he lived until 1830, when he removed to Pomfret, Chautauqua County, N. Y. In 1831 he removed to Olmsted, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. He purchased a tract of land on Rocky River, in the northerly part of the Township, which he improved and made into a valuable farm. He was a man of great energy of character, active and persevering in whatever he undertook to perform. His wife died June 23, 1863, and was buried at Olmsted, O. He married

(2) in 1865, Anna Morris. In 1867, he sold his farm and removed to Mount Vernon, O., where he remained until the death of his second wife in 1876, when he went to live with his son Tudor, in Michigan. He died December 14, 1881, aged 91 years, and was buried in Olmsted, O.

Children, all by his first wife :

Elizabeth E., born December 24, 1813, died Aug. 12, 1814.

Charles C., born May 29, 1815.

Smith W., born April 17, 1817.

Eliza Ann, born April 18, 1819.

Frederick, born June 2, 1821.

Adaline, born August 13, 1824.

Tudor, born August 10, 1826.

Hudson, born September 30, 1828.

Alfred, born April 14, 1832, died Aug. 24, 1834.

Alfred White, born October 2, 1835.

— Charles C. Fitch, (son of Chester Fitch), was born on the old Jeremiah Fitch farm, at Vernon, Conn. In 1830, he went with his father's family to Pomfret, Chataqua County, N. Y., where he remained until 1831, at which time his father and family removed to Olmstead, O. He married May 3d, 1842, Lydia H. Wilson, who was born at St. Albans, Vt., March 30, 1822, and was eldest daughter of Brooks Wilson, of Olmsred, O., died of consumption October 19, 1867, and was buried at Olmsted, O. Mr. Fitch married (2) March 10, 1870, Ellen M. Dryden, of Olmsted Falls, daughter of C. P. Dryden, and a descendant of Artemus Dryden, of Holden, Mass., the first settler in this country. He is a prosperous farmer at Olmsted, O.

Children all by his first wife :

- 8 Maryette M., born July 24, 1843, married George Arundell, of Newbery, England, October 15, 1884. They reside at Cleveland, O.
- Martha Z., born November 10, 1845, married Herbert O. Kennedy, November 20, 1872, son of John Kennedy of Olmsted, O. *Children:*
- Helen M., born June 11, 1874, died April 28, 1882.
- 9 Alice K., born March 13, 1876.
- Mattie F., born Dec. 30, 1852, died April 14, 1884.
- Melvin W., born April 11, 1852, married Lelia, daughter of John Ronep, of Olmsted, O., December 24, 1873. *Children:*
- Lydia E., born May 22, 1875.
- Mary W., born August 7th, 1877.
- 10 Dell, born May 4, 1880, died January 29, 1881.
- Agnes M., born Dec. 27, 1881.
- Charles C. Fitch had other Children:*
- Emma R., born August 4, 1848, died Oct. 19, 1850.
- 8 Lucey M., born Feb. 24, 1862, died Mar. 28, 1864.
- Gerty M., born Sept. 12, 1866, died Feb. 24, 1867.
- 7- Smith Webster, (son of Chester Fitch), married his first cousin, Sabra Maria, eldest daughter of Eli Fitch, Dec. 3, 1842. *Children:*
- 8- Emily Helen, born March 29, 1844, married Asher Stearns in 1870, who was a member of Co. I, 150 Reg't Ohio Nat. Guards in the hundred days service in the late war. They have:
- 9 Mabel Maria, born Jan. 7, 1871.
- Loring Burton, born June 22, 1874, died March 24, 1875.
- Sabra Mertilla, born March 6, 1877.
- Bessie Fitch, born May 4, 1881.
- 8- Hudson Arthur, born Jan. 12, 1846, married Mary Odell. They have one child, Otis. -9

Mr. Fitch enlisted Dec. 28, 1863, in Company D. 125th. O. V. I., was promoted to 1st Serg't Sept. 1, 1865, and was mustered out with the company Sept. 25, 1865. In May, 1864, he joined his regiment at Dallas, Ga. He remained with the regiment until late in August, when in the great flanking movement of Sherman's Army to the rear of Atlanta; being unable to march with the regiment on account of sickness, he was taken prisoner and confined at Andersonville Prison. From an account of his experiences as a prisoner, written by himself, we append a few extracts—as faintly indicating the sufferings he endured in the service of his country. Speaking of the prison fare, at Andersonville, he says: "Our rations, which were cooked, consisted of a piece of coarse corn bread, made from cob meal, about one and one-half inches square—one pint of boiled beans (bugs, dirt and gravel stones included), a mouthful of boiled beef, and sometimes a few grains of salt." About Sept. 10, 1864, 5000 of the prisoners of Andersonville were transferred to Savannah, where they remained until Oct. 12, when they were transferred to the prison at Millen, Ga. From here he managed to escape, but was recaptured and taken back to prison. Speaking of the punishment inflicted on him, he says:

"The stocks is an instrument of torture which is used by Southern planters to punish refractory slaves. The person to be confined is forced to lie down on his back, with the limbs crossed at the knees; his feet are then confined about two and a half feet from the ground by means of two thick boards with holes through them large enough to accommodate the ankles, which shut together con-

fining a person in such a position as to render it impossible to change position." "Towards night it began to grow cold, and by 9 o'clock it was almost impossible to keep from freezing; as I was not allowed any fire, food, water or covering of any kind. "The next morning the assistant Commandant, one Capt. Cameron, a deserter from our army came to me, and asked me how I enjoyed my comfortable bed. I replied that 'Paul and Silas were once fastened in the stocks, and I presumed that my feelings in regard to its comfort, were similar to theirs. He was nearly beside himself with rage, grinding his teeth he swore with a bitter curse, that he would 'tame me yet'. During the second day and night of his confinement in the stocks, a cold rain fell which froze his limbs to his knees, icicles hung to his heels, and froze to his hair. Continuing his narrative, he says: I tossed my arms to and fro and beat myself to keep from freezing to death. My mouth and throat were parched with thirst, and hunger gnawed at my vitals. I prayed that death might come and release me from my suffering.'"

At 8 P. M. of the next day he was released, "so weak and benumbed that I could not stand." When Sherman's Army approached Millen, the prisoners were removed to Blackshaer, Ga. Here he remained until November 26, when observing a vacant place in the ranks of some prisoners who were about to be paroled, he stepped into the vacant place, and managed to escape to "Gods Country."

2 Newton Clarence, born Dec. 27, 1847, died in 1849.

Charlotte Annette, born Sept. 10, 1850, married Cassius Stearns, in 1873. Mr. Stearns was a

soldier in the late war; a member of Co. I. 150th Reg't Ohio Nat. Guards, in the hundred days service. Children:

- Neva Mary, born Sept. 4, 1874.
- 9 Emily Josephine, born Feb. 14, 1876.
- Howard Gray, born September 14, 1877, died September 7, 1878.
- Edna Wealthy, born May 4, 1879.
- 8—Frank De Alton, born Jan. 13, 1853, married Hattie Porter, who died in 1881. They had one child, Gracie, born Jan. 16, 1879. He married (2) Nettie Palmer. Children by his second wife:
 - Fred, born January 16, 1883.
 - 9 Alton, born February 19, 1885.
- 8—Edwin Leslie, born August 5, 1862, married Melissa Palmer in 1884. One child, Clayton, born April 15, 1885, died Sept. 7, 1885. Sabra Maria, wife of Smith W. Fitch, died April 8, 1864, and was buried at Olmsted, O.
- 7—Eliza Ann, (daughter of Chester Fitch), married May 25th, 1844, John H. Perkins, who was born in Massachusetts, May 22, 1819. Children:
 - 9—John, born——was a soldier in Co. I., 150th Reg't Ohio Nat. Guards, in the hundred days service. married Rhucmma Coe, July 25th, 1861. One child, Hattie Eldora, born Sept. 7, 1863, married Herman J., (son of James W.) Fitch.
- 8—Alfreda P., born at Huron, O., July 11, 1842, married May 6, 1860, Wm. Cousins. Two Children:
 - 9—William V., born at Dover, O., May 7, 1861, married Lucy L. Terwillager, at Scotts Station, Michigan, Feb. 3, 1885. She died Nov. 1, 1885.
 - 9—John, born at Brady, Mich., January 18, 1867.

- 8- Betsey I., born at Huron, O., Dec. 3, 1844, died at Olmsted, O., Oct. 27, 1856.
- 8- Chester H., born at Huron, O., August 14, 1845, married Jan. 6, 1867, Collisca Coe, who was born at Dover, O., Dec. 14, 1843. Children:
 Herman C., born Nov. 2, 1867.
 Burton S., born May 30, 1870.
- 9 Clayton F., born August 12, 1872.
 Judson B., born August 15, 1874.
 Infant, born and died, in 1876.
 Vernon N., born February 27, 1882.
- 8- Russell C., born at Olmsted, O., May 10, 1848, married Anna Feuchter, Mar. 25, 1884. Two children:
 Eva, born February 15, 1885.
- 9- Clarence, born April 27, 1886.
- 8- Ernest D., born at Olmsted, O., April 29, 1851, married Pema Wershing, December 16, 1880. No children.
- 8- Morgeana, born at Olmsted, O., August 31, 1854, died September 5, 1855.
- 8- Celia J., born at Olmsted, O., April 15, 1857, died July 31, 1861.
- 7 Eliza A. Perkins, died July 26, 1872.
- 7 John H. Perkins, died March 15, 1878. Both buried at Olmsted, O.
- 7- Frederick Fitch, (son of Chester Fitch), married Elvira Dwinell, April 4, 1849. She was born in Franklin, Vermont, January 31, 1825. In 1853, he moved to Pavilion, Michigan, where he settled on a farm. His wife died August 11, 1859, and was buried at Pavilion, Michigan. He married (2) Phebe Peck, in 1873. Frederick Fitch died June 28, 1875, and was buried at Pavilion, Michigan. Children by his first wife:

- 8 - Allison Frederick, born at Olmsted, O., January 18, 1850, married at Kalamazoo, Mich., September 27, 1877, Mary C. Himebaugh. One child, Mida C., born February 11, 1882. Mr. Fitch resides at Vicksburg, Michigan.
- 2 - Addison Alberto, born at Olmstead, O., Feb. 18, 1852, died at Wakeshma, Mich., June 16, 1867, buried at Pavilion, Mich.
- 2 - Emma Gertrude, born in Pavilion, Mich., June 25, 1854, died October 12, 1854, buried at Pavilion, Michigan.
- 2 - Emma, born at Pavilion, Mich., January 16, 1856, married at Olmsted, O., Sept. 23, 1877, Frank H. Perry. One child, Frankie Helen, born April 8, 1881. They reside at Vicksburg, Michigan.
- 2 - Eva Elvira, born at Pavilion, Mich., August 1, 1859, died October 15, 1859.
- 2 - Flora May, born June 8, 1874, the child by his second wife.
- 1 - Adaline, (daughter of Chester Fitch), married November 3, 1841, Herod Stocking, who was born at Dover, O., July 5, 1819, and was the son of Joseph and Jane Stocking. *Children:*
- 2 - Charles F., born at Olmsted, O., August 4, 1842, married Sarah E. Wickham, of Wood County, O., January 1875. *Children:*
- Nettie, born November, 1876, died Feb., 1877.
- Adaline, born April, 1879.
- 2 - Roselle, born at Olmsted, O., Dec. 21, 1845, died at Angola, Indiana, February, 1846.
- 2 - Joseph, born at Angola, Indiana, March, 1848, died July, 1849.
- 2 - Joseph Chester, born at Angola, Indiana, Dec.

2, 1852, married August 20, 1876, Lydia A Bradbrook. *Children:*

Ernest, born at Bowling Green, O., June 8, 1877.

2 Ethel, born June 24, 1879.

Myrril, born Aug. 16, 1884, at Grand Rapids, O.

8- Willis, born at Dover, O., Jan 31, 1861, married April 27, 1886. Emma O. Rochty.

7- Tudor, (son of Chester Fitch), married Mary Dlmnick, May, 1850. *Children:*

8- Chester, born February, 1851, married——, and had Addison, Luella, Arthur, Ernest, Gertrude, and Chester.

8- Augusta, born 1854, married——Rily. No children.

8- Maud, born——married——Riley. *Children:* Charles, Ned. Estelle. Tudor Fitch lives at Pavillion, Mich.

7- Hudson Fitch, (son of Chester Fitch), was born on the old Fitch farm at Vernon, Conn. He came to Olmsted, O., in 1831, with his father's family, where he has since remained, engaged in the occupation of farming. He married Abigail Wilson, (sister of his brother Charles first wife), October 31, 1849. She was born October 13, 1831. *Children:*

8- Isabelle F., born June 14, 1852, married Orfila Stearns, January 28, 1874. Mr. Stearns enlisted September, 10, 1862, in the 15th Ohio Battery, then at Holly Springs, Miss.; and served with the Battery at the siege of Vicksburgh. He was transferred to Company H. Fourth Regt. Vet. Res. Corps, with which he served to the close of the war. *Children:*

Bertha L., born June 18, 1875.

2 Gertrude J., born April 20, 1879.

Retta L., born August 3, 1856, married Edward D. Heyden, October 28, 1874. Mr. Heyden enlisted in St. Lawrence County, N. Y., where he then resided, at the age of seventeen, and served three years and ten months as a soldier in the late war. He was orderly for Gen. Halleck during the time he was Commander-in-Chief, and afterwards served in Louisiana and the southern States. He was discharged as Sergt. Co. D. 11th New York Cavalry. *Children:*

Mavis, born August 21, 1875.

Lois, born June 7, 1877.

Infant daughter, born May 27, 1879, died Sept. 14, 1879.

Bessie, born July 13, 1880.

Claude D., born June 2, 1883. Mr. Hayden lives in Frontier County, Nebraska.

Alfred White Fitch, (son of Chester Fitch), married at Olmsted Co., October 11, 1856, Sarah L. Thompson, who was born Jan. 26, 1838. Mr. Fitch removed to Kalamazoo County, Michigan, in 1862, and to Eaton County, Mich., in 1874, where he now resides. They have one son, Merwin A., born July 27, 1859. He married Effie Bosworth, October 14, 1880. She was born August 7, 1862, in Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan.

Nancy, (daughter of Thaddeus Fitch), married Minor White, of East Windsor, Conn., (now Manchester), March 31, 1814. He was born at East Windsor, Conn., February 24, 1784. He filled several offices in town—a Representative in the State Legislature—for fourteen years a select man—often an appraiser and distributor of Estates in town. He lived the life of a farmer, and by the

aid of his wife acquired a good property. Their descendants of children, grand, and great grand children are thirty-five. They had five children as follows :

Emily, born January 25, 1815, died Feb. 20, 1839.

William, born October 14, 1816.

Henry Hudson, born February 15, 1822.

Harriet, born April 10, 1825.

Mary Fitch, born July 14, 1823.

Minor White died at his home in Manchester, Conn., May 31, 1863. His wife died February 21, 1874. They were buried at Manchester, Conn.

William, (son of Minor and Nancy Fitch). White, married May 25, 1841, Mary Howlett, of Hartford, Conn., where she was born Feb. 26, 1819. Mr. White settled on a farm in his native town. After remaining a number of years, he sold his farm and removed to St. Paul, Minn. From thence he removed to Wilmar, Minn.; and at length to Wahpeton, Dakota, where he now resides. In his native town of Manchester, Conn., he was honored by being elected Select man for the town; and Justice of the Peace, and held the latter office for a number of years, while living at Wilmar, Minn.

Children :

Evalina L., born at Manchester, Conn., March 26, 1843, married at St. Paul, Minn., Henry L. Williams, August 5, 1869. *Children :*

Mary A., born at St. Paul, Minn., July 1, 1870.

Henry White, born Nov. 11, 1872.

William Minor, born at Manchester, Conn., May 10, 1845, married at Malone, N. Y., June 11, 1872, Emma Elizabeth Sabin. *Children :*

Grace W., born at St. Paul, Minn., July 10, 1874.

Mary E., born at Litchfield, Minn., July 8, 1877.

William Minor White, died at Litchfield, Minn., May 8, 1877. Mary E., his daughter, died at Red Wing, Minn., July 31, 1878, both buried at Litchfield, Minn.

Charles Lemuel, born at Manchester, Conn., June 1, 1848, married Monrovia Hutchinson, at Minneapolis Minn., in 1875. One child, Roy, born in 1876, died at Wilmar, Minn., in 1876. Monrovia White died at Wilmar, Minn., in 1876. He married (2) at Wilmar, Minn., Mary Porter. *Children* by his second wife :

Charles Henry, born at Wilmar, Minn., in 1880.

Eva Anna, born at Wilmar, Minn., in 1883.

William M., born at Wahpeton, Dak., in 1886.

Mary Howlett, born at Manchester, Conn., April 25, 1853, married Elson Baldwin, at St. Paul, Minn., in 1850.

George Hudson, born at Manchester, Conn., Feb. 13, 1859, married at Litchfield, Minn., Feb. 22, 1882, Henryetta N. Pixley. *Children* :

Mary Elizabeth, born at Minneapolis, Minn., November 25, 1882.

George Franklin, born at Wahpeton, Dakota, April 26, 1886.

Henry Hudson, (son of Minor White), lives on the old homestead at Manchester, Conn. He has been agent and general manager for many years in the manufacture of paper and cotton goods, in his own and other towns. He has represented his town several terms in the State Legislature, and filled other and minor places of trust. He married Cordelia Howlett, of Windsor, Conn., Nov. 27, 1845. She died Oct 21, 1869. *Children* :

Alice Cordelia, born March 9, 1851, married June 10, 1874, Elisha C. Hilliard. Two children:

Charlotte Cordelia, born Nov. 15, 1876, and

Elisha Ernest born March 26, 1881.

Henry Kirk, born April 18, 1854, and

Minor Hudson, born November 4, 1860.

Henry Hudson White, married (2) Elizabeth Hilliard, of Manchester, February 22, 1871. *Children* by his second wife:

Charlotte Florence, born October 21, 1874.

Harlow Hilliard, born July 27, 1880.

Harriet, (Daughter of Minor White), married Edward H. Griswold, June 10, 1847. *Children:*

Ella M., born May 28, 1850.

Abbie J., born May 24, 1852, died Sept. 11, 1861.

Ida, born January 16, 1857.

Hattie, born July 27, 1861.

Mary Elsie, born August 15, 1863. They live at South Manchester, Conn.

Mary F., (daughter of Minor White), married Dwight Spencer, of Manchester, Conn. She died March 6, 1870. *Children:*

Nellie, born March 12, 1859, married June 20, 1881, Wm. H. Childs, of Hartford, Conn. *Children:*

Nellie R., born May 24, 1882.

Mary, born March 7, 1886.

Frank Fitch Spencer, born September 30, 1865.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the line
of his son CHAUNCEY.*

CHAUNCEY FITCH, (son of Thaddeus Fitch), married Anna Loomis, of East Windsor, Conn., December 30, 1819. She was sister of Jerusha, wife of his brother Daniel, and also of Harriet, wife of his brother Horace, and was born January 24, 1797. Mr. Fitch first occupied with his brother Chester, the old homestead at Vernon Conn., and afterwards carried on the large farm of his father-in-law, Gideon Loomis, at East Windsor, Conn. In November, 1831, he started with his family, for Olmsted, O. The vessel on which they took passage at Buffalo, was driven by stress of weather into the harbor of Dunkirk. His wife was taken sick with a fever, and the family was taken to the house of his uncle, Ebenezer Webster, in Pomfret, near Fredonia, N. Y., where his wife died, December 8, 1831, and was buried in the burying ground at Pomfret. Mr. Fitch, with his mother and family, proceeded on in a sleigh, arriving at Olmsted, O., December 25. He purchased a tract of wild land in the central part of the township, on which he established his residence. In the fall of 1833, he returned to Connecticut, and on August 18, was married to Clarissa Loomis, sister of his first wife. She was born March 28, 1802. In common with other pioneers, in Ohio, he endured the hardships and privations incident to the settlement of a new country; and by persevering industry and economy, acquired a fair property. He was for many years

a prominent member of the Methodist Church. Among the people of the township he was highly respected, holding at various times a number of township offices; familiarly called "Uncle Chauncey," and widely regretted at his death. He died June 6, 1881, aged 86 years, and was buried at Olmsted, O. *Children* by his first wife, all born in Connecticut.

Francis R., born November 11, 1820, at the old Fitch home, in Vernon, Conn.

Alfred B., born at E. Windsor, Conn., August 18, 1822, died at Olmsted, O., March 30, 1832, was buried at Olmsted, O.

Julius D., born at East Windsor, Conn., March 14, 1825.

Margaret Ann, born at E. Windsor, Conn., January 12, 1827.

John G., born at East Windsor, Conn., January 27, 1829. *Children* by his second wife, born at Olmsted, O.

Nancy Ann, born August 9, 1834

Gilbert Loomis, born November 12, 1838.

Francis R. Fitch, (son of Chauncey Fitch), married at Hamburg, N. Y., November 17, 1852, Ulyssa Purdy, who was born at Hamburg, N. Y., Feb. 15, 1822. He was a prosperous farmer at Olmsted, O.; and was a man of ability and good judgment, having many friends who were greatly shocked at his sudden death. He died October 7, 1857, aged 37 years, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

Julius D. Fitch, (son of Chauncey Fitch), received a good education at the common schools, and at "Rocky River Seminary." He married Eliza McKenzie, at Otsego, Mich., January 24, 1858.

She was the daughter of Donald McKenzie, who came to this country from Scotland, about 1830, and was born at Burlington, Vt, August 9, 1834. They live at Joliett, Ill. *Children:*

Ella Virginia, born September 18, 1858.

Kenneth Chauncey, born November 3, 1871.

Margaret Ann, (daughter of Chauncey Fitch), married May 1, 1862, Isaac C. Rittenberg. He was born in the Province of Ontario, Canada, February 7, 1823, came to Cleveland, O., with his father's family in 1840. They reside at Elyria, O. *Children* born at Olmsted, O.

Chauncey W., born December 24, 1864.

Clara M., born May 24, 1872.

John G. Fitch, (son of Chauncey Fitch), was a Lieutenant in Co. I, 150th Regt. Ohio Nat. Guards, in the hundred days service in the late war. He married April 17, 1860, Ellen H., daughter of Abram S. Underhill, of Olmsted, O., and a descendant of Capt. John Underhill, one of the early settlers of New England. She was born at Olmsted, O., March 12, 1837. They live on the old Chauncey Fitch farm, at Olmsted, O. *Children:*

Anna Loomis, born October 4, 1862, married Odell Stearns, March 26, 1884. One child, Hazel, born February 28, 1885.

Rufus J., born October 30, 1870.

Adaline Pearl, born July 9, 1875.

Nancy Ann, (daughter of Chauncey Fitch), married Charles Monk, November 24, 1859. One child, Francis Thomas, born March 13, 1863.

Gilbert Loomis, (youngest son of Chauncey Fitch), received a good education at Baldwin University. He died unmarried, at La Crosse,

Wis , August 20, 1865, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

Almyra, (daughter of Thaddeus Fitch), married Simeon Wetherell, Jr., October 3, 1816. He died at Manchester, Conn., August 9, 1871, aged 78 years. Almyra Wetherell, died at Manchester, Conn., Oct 25, 1870. Both buried at Manchester, Conn. *Children:*

Francis N., born July 13, 1817, died June 22, 1819.

Esther S., born March 12, 1819.

Simeon F., born December 19, 1820.

Elizabeth F., born May 19, 1822.

Ralph T., born November 8, 1825.

Horace, born October 3, 1827.

Wells, born November 22, 1829.

Mary A., born February 24, 1832.

Henry W., born December 23, 1834.

Martha, born July 5, 1837.

Esther S., (daughter of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married July 5, 1835, Ralph Cutler, of Manchester, Conn. One child, Rosabelle E., born July 24, 1846, married April 28, 1869, A. A. Alderman, of Manchester, Conn. *Children:*

Ralph, born March 28, 1871, died July 4, 1872.

Ethel, born Nov. 26, 1872, died April 19, 1880.

Melvin, born March 21, 1875.

Esther, born Jan. 22, 1877, died Dec. 2, 1880.

Frank, born January 6, 1883.

Simeon F., (son of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married February 4, 1844, Jane A. Vorra. *Children:*

Maria J., born January 9, 1845.

Emma S., born Jan. 9, 1847, married Nov. 30, 1871, Arthur H. Rogers, of Manchester, Conn.

Mary E., born Sept. 19, 1852, married Dec. 18,

1873, Alfred L. Bidwell of Manchester, Conn. He died April 2, 1886. *Children:*

Jennie Pauline, born Oct. 2, 1875, died Dec. 9, 1875.

Clarence F., born Nov. 1, 1876.

Isaac Reed, born March 9, 1884.

Ellen Myra, (daughter of Simeon F.), born July 4, 1855, married Nov. 22, 1882, Frank W. Carpenter. One child, Florence M., born Jan. 6, 1885.

Elizabeth F., (daughter of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married April 26, 1843, Azel G. Snow, of East Haddam, Conn. Five *Children:*

Infant daughter, born Nov. 12, 1844, died Nov. 30, 1844.

Infant daughter, born Sept. 12, 1846, died Oct. 2, 1846.

Frederick W., born July 24, 1850, married March 5, 1874, Alice Stone. *Children:*

Martha J., born March 23, 1853, died August 10, 1853.

Emma E., born August 23, 1865.

Ralph T., (son of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married Clara Meech. *Children:*

Ralph T., born—, died—. Irene, born—, married S. R. Kellogg, of Clarks, Nebraska. Six *Children:*

Henry, born—, died—.

Jennie, born—, died—.

George, born—, died—.

Ernest, born—.

Laurie, born—.

Nellie, born—.

E. May, (daughter of Ralph T.), born—, married Arthur T. Brown, of Helena, Montana. One child, Clara.

Horace (son of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married Nov. 29, 1848, Lucina Bailey, of Middletown, Conn. *Children:*

Teresa Maria, born Aug 17, 1850, married May 19, 1869, John M. Terrell. *Five children:*

Edith Alice, born September, 1870.

Alice Edith, born July 1872.

Irene Belle, born May 1878.

Harrison W., born April 15, 1884.

Helen Wetherell, born September, 1885.

George Wells, born July 26, 1852, married Henrietta L. Ashton, of Middletown, Conn. *Two children*, Eva and Grace.

Isabel Almyra, daughter of Horace Wetherell, married January, 1883, H. Adison Pierce, of Springfield, Mass. One child, Kenneth Adison, born July, 1885.

Charles Fremont, born September 21, 1856, died September 20, 1858.

Celia Lucina, born Feb 20, 1859.

Mary Anna, born August 6, 1860.

Hattie Elizabeth, born Oct. 30, 1862, died May 29, 1863.

Lucina, wife of Horace Wetherell, died June 1, 1868, aged 40 years.

Horace Wetherell, married (2) Abba Ann White, of Bolton Conn., Nov. 3, 1869. *Children* by his second wife:

Hattie White, born August 20, 1870, died April 15, 1873.

Lulu Esther, born March 23, 1873.

Horace Herbert, born August 22, 1874.

Martha Elizabeth, born May 15, 1876.

Clayton White, born June 3, 1882.

Wells, (son of Simeon Wetherell Jr.), married April 30, 1864, Mary R. Thompson, of South Windsor, Conn. *Children:*

Lillian Eva, born June 10, 1865.

Henry Wells, born June 29, 1868.

Mabel Grace, born Feb. 17, 1879.

Mary A., (daughter of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married George Holcomb. One child, Clarence F., born 1851. She married (2) William Tufts, in June, 1860. *Children:*

Jessie S., born Aug. 22, 1861, married Dec. 22, 1880, Charles Rose, of Manchester, Conn. They have two *children*. Harold, born Oct. 20, 1881, and Bessie born Dec. 18, 1884.

Addie G., born July 21, 1865.

Minnie R., born Aug. 24, 1868, died Aug. 24, 1869. Mary A. Tufts, died at Springfield, Mass., May 6, 1870.

Henry W., (son of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married Sept. 1854, Amey Foster, of Middletown, Conn. They had one child, Frank F., born August, 1855.

Henry W. Wetherell, died Jan. 7, 1866, at Jacksonville, Florida, and was buried at Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Martha, (youngest daughter of Simeon Wetherell, Jr.), married N. Gardner Wells, April 13, 1856. One daughter, Amy, born April 15, 1861, died May 24, 1856. N. Gardner Wells, died March 30, 1873, aged 56 years. His widow, now 1886, resides at Hartford, Connecticut.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the line
of his son ELI.*

ELI FITCH, (son of Thaddeus Fitch), married Sabra Cady, September 22, 1821, and settled on a farm in East Windsor, Conn.

Sabra Cady, was born at East Windsor, Conn., January 12, 1803, and was a daughter of Elijah Cady of that town, who married Sabra Loomis, a descendant of Joseph Loomis, of Windsor, Conn., the first settler in this country. Mrs. Fitch was also a descendant of Elisha Fitch, son of Capt. Jeremiah Fitch, of Coventry, Conn. Nahum Cady her grandfather, married Deborah, daughter of Elisha Fitch; was drafted as a soldier in the war of the revolution. He hired his brother-in-law Elijah Fitch, to take his place; who was taken prisoner by the British and starved to death in a Prison Ship, near Long Island. In 1831, Mr. Fitch removed to Ohio, settling on a farm at Olmsted, Cuyahoga County. His farm, bordering on Rocky River, is a very fine one in this respect, carrying out the tradition that the Fitches selected their farms beside streams of water. He was a man of more than ordinary ability, though not liberally educated, yet he was well informed and possessed a remarkable memory. In all the affairs of life he was honest and upright; liberal in his views, and much esteemed in the community where he lived. He was, and also his wife inclined to a belief in Universalism, though not members of the Church.

He died November 4, 1868, and was buried at Olmsted, O. *Children:*

Sabra Maria, born at East Windsor, Conn., May 22, 1824.

Miles Webster, born at East Windsor, Conn., February 27, 1826.

Charlotte Elvira, born at East Windsor, Conn., March 29, 1829.

Mary Eliza, born at East Windsor, Conn., July 15, 1831.

Emily Helen, born at Olmsted, O., March 15, 1834, died October 22, 1835, buried at Olmsted, O.

Julia Ann, born at Olmsted, O., June 23, 1836.

Seymour Cady, born at Olmsted, O., Oct. 18, 1839.

Herbert Olmsted, born at Olmsted, O., April 6, 1845.

Sabra Maria, (eldest daughter of Eli Fitch) married Smith W. Fitch, her first cousin. For an account of her family, see family of Chester Fitch.

Miles Webster, (son of Eli Fitch), was a natural artist; after receiving instruction he established himself at Fremont, O., as a photographer and portrait painter. After remaining some years he removed to Toledo, O. He had the misfortune to lose his wife, and all his children but one son in childhood. Hoping to benefit this son, whose health was very poor, being threatened with consumption—as well as his own health, in the fall of 1860, Mr. Fitch removed to Oakland Cal. Mr. Fitch married Kate Pitt at Fremont, O., April 3, 1862.

Children:

Wilbur, born Dec., 1862, died in 1867.

Herbert Pitt, born July 16, 1865.

May Belle, born Aug. 18, 1868, died in 1869.

Thomas, born Jan. 1871, died Dec. 1871.

He married (2) Jennie Bassett, Nov. 1875. His first wife died February 18, 1871.

Charlotte Elvira, (daughter of Eli Fitch), married Algernon O. Smith, who was a merchant and manufacturer, at Fremont, O., where he died Nov. 29, 1868. *Children:*

Frank Lewis, born June 23, 1855.

Annie C., born May 5, 1859, died September 27, 1879, and was buried at Canon City, Col., where Mrs. Smith still lives.

Mary Eliza, (daughter of Eli Fitch), married James Hickey, Aug. 24, 1850. He was the son of Michael Hickey, of County Kildare, Ireland, where he was born in 1824. He came to Brooklyn, N. Y., with his mother and family in 1845. He is by trade a builder, and had charge of a large portion of the stone work on the Cleveland, Columbus, and Cincinnati Rail Road. He is now 1886, a large farmer and land owner, at Olmsted, O. Himself, and also his wife, are prominent members of the Catholic church. They have a large family of *children*, as follows:

Michael John, born June 16, 1851, married Mary Pollard, Feb. 20, 1878. *Children:*

Nano M., born Jan. 26, 1879.

James F., born Nov. 30, 1880, died Nov. 29, 1881.

Teressa Agnes, born Feb. 1, 1883.

Richard, born Jan. 27, 1884. They live at Plattsburgh, Mo.

May Ann, born March 6, 1853, married John Downey, at Plattsburgh, Mo., Oct. 30, 1877.

Children:

Thomas K., born Sept. 10, 1879.

James H., born December 27, 1881.

M. Vincent, born July 20, 1884. Mr. Hickey had other *children* as follows:

Katharine Sabra, born Oct. 30, 1854.

James Eli, born Sept 19, 1856.

Essie Julia, born Dec. 27, 1858.

Theresa Viola, born Sept. 9, 1860

Emily Helen, born Feb. 20, 1863, died May 8, 1865, buried at Olmsted, O.

Dennis Miles, born June 28, 1865, died Feb. 4, 1886, buried at Olmsted, O.

Francis Peter, born May 22, 1867.

Gertrude Emily, born May 30, 1870.

Vincent Patrick, born Oct 12, 1872.

John Joseph, born Feb. 18, 1875, died April 29, 1879, buried at Olmsted, O.

Julia Ann, (daughter of Eli Fitch), married William W. Mead, Dec 17, 1863. *Children:*

Harry William, born Dec. 15, 1865.

Gertrude Evelyn, born March 23, 1868. Mr. Mead is a prominent citizen of Olmsted Falls, O., and was for several years by successive re-elections, treasurer of the Township of Olmsted, O.

Seymour Cady, (son of Eli Fitch), married Eliza Broady, June 7, 1862. *Children:*

Sabra Eliza, born August 18, 1863, died August 28, 1878.

Guy Leslie, born Jan. 19, 1865. Eliza, wife of Seymour Fitch, died July 16, 1873, and was buried at Elyria, O.

Herbert O., (son of Eli Fitch), married Jennie Rickard, Sept. 26, 1866. One child, Stewart, born April 7, 1870. Mr. Fitch lives at Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was a member of Co. I, 150 Reg't.

Ohio Nat. Guards, in the hundred days service in the late war, and served with the Regiment in the Fortifications at Washington, D. C.

Betsy, (daughter of Thaddeus Fitch), married Horace Wright, July 13, 1826. He died at Philadelphia, March 27, 1829. They had one son, Horace, who died at Troy, N. Y., December 11, 1827. She married (2) about 1840, John Walker, of Fredonia, N. Y. Two children, Lewis, and, Elizabeth, who married Almer K. Perry, of Aurora, Ill., where she died. Betsey Walker died at Olmsted, O., October 28, 1868, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the line
of his son SANFORD.*

SANFORD FITCH, (5th son of Thaddeus Fitch), received a fair education, and learned the trade of a clothier. In 1821, he married Clarisca While; and 1823, removed to Chautauqua County, N. Y. In the western part of the County he purchased a tract of wild land, which he improved and on which he lived, until the summer of 1831; at which time he went to Ohio, and purchased land in the Township of Olmsted, Cuyahoga County. After making some improvement on his land, he returned to Chautauqua, N. Y. In the fall of 1832, he removed with his family to his new purchase, arriving at Olmsted, December 26. Mr Fitch cleared up and improved his farm, built substantial buildings; but

in 1847, feeling that his health would be better in some locality further from Lake Erie, he sold his farm and removed to Wadsworth, Medina County, O. The change not proving beneficial, as he had anticipated after remaining some time; he sold out and removed to a large improved farm in Lagrange, Lorain County, O. Being a great sufferer from asthma, and his health not permitting the active duties of a farmer, he again sold his farm and bought property in the Village of Wellington, O. Mr. Fitch was for many years and up to the time of his death, an honored member of the Baptist Church, loved and respected by all who knew him. In political matters he was a whig, (as were most of his brothers), but on the formation of the Republican party he transferred his allegiance to it, and adhered to it ever after. In all the localities where he had a residence the people elected him to positions of public trust; the duties of which he performed with credit to himself, and satisfaction to the people. He died at his home in Wellington, August 18, 1869, and was buried in the "Butternut Ridge" Cemetery, at Olmsted, O. Clarissa Fitch, (his wife), died at the residence of her daughter, Electa (Mrs. Leach), in Medina, O., January 1st, 1886, and was buried by the side of her husband at Olmsted, O.

Children of Sanford and Clarissa Fitch:

James W., born at East Windsor, Conn., March 9, 1822.

George Kenyon, born in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., March 2, 1826.

Clarissa J., born in Chautauqua Co., N. Y., Aug. 17, 1828.

William S., born in Chautauqua, N. Y., June 25, 1830

Cordelia Frances, born in Olmsted, O., July 11, 1833

Henry S., born at Olmsted, O., April 9, 1836

Albert M., born at Olmsted, O., January 31, 1839.

Benjamin F., born at Olmsted, O., Sept. 3, 1842.

Electa, born at Olmsted, O., Dec. 4, 1845.

Wells, born at Wadsworth, O., Feb. 16, 1849, died February 17, 1861, buried at Olmsted, O.

Two died in infancy.

James W. Fitch, (eldest son of Sanford Fitch), married at Olmsted, O., October 2, 1842, Lucretia P., daughter of Vespasian Stearns. He settled on a farm at Olmsted, O., on which he has lived for a period of forty three years. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch have twelve children six sons and six daughters—now 1886—all living as follows:

Alice O., born July 30, 1845, married James Gage, February 12, 1868. One child, Myrton E., born November 9, 1868. James Gage died Sept. 29, 1883, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

Ellen L., born August 31, 1849, married Robert Henry, December 13, 1871. One child, Dannie Ellen, born Aug. 2, 1874. Robert Henry died at Dennison, Texas, February 12, 1880, and was buried at Olmsted, O.

Ellen L., married (2) R. T. Elliott, of Olmsted, O., February 21, 1884.

Priscilla S., born January 6, 1850, married Alfred Glendenning, of Dover, O., November 25, 1868.

Children:

Lucretia G., born December 3, 1869.

Charley, born December 14, 1875.

George S., born January 20, 1852, married Emma McKendre, in Crawford County, Wis., July 4, 1873.

Children :

Lavern, born June 25, 1875, died Oct. 15, 1881.

Vada, born January 6, 1878.

Clinton, born January 8, 1882.

Alma, born August 6, 1884.

Harriet E., born March 24, 1854, married George Barnum, November 19, 1873. One child.

Harry A., born September 25, 1881.

Clara J., born November 1, 1856, married Frank Snow, of Parma, O., November 8, 1882. *Children :*

Orlo and Rolla, twins, born January 6, 1884.

Frank Jay, born March 4, 1859, married Anna B. Stark, May 22, 1879. *Children :*

Lillian, born February 17, 1880.

Edna, born June 23, 1884, died Sept. 15, 1884.

Vespasian S., born August 4, 1862, married Alice M. Alford, March 10, 1882. *Children :*

Howard O., born December 23, 1883, died July 30, 1884, buried at Olmsted, O.,

Avice Ruth, born December 2, 1884.

Herman J., born April 19, 1866, married Hattie E. Perkins, June 22, 1884. One child, Hazel Pearl, born August 24, 1885.

Byron E., born July 8, 1868.

Grace E., born November 10, 1871, and

Arthur L., born Oct. 25, 1873.

George Kenyon Fitch, (2d son of Sanford Fitch), learned the trade of a printer, in the offices of the Elyria Atlas and the Cleveland Herald. In 1847, he went to New Orleans, and soon afterwards acquired an interest in a job printing establishment. In 1849, he shipped a small amount of printing

material by sailing vessel from New Orleans for California; went thither by the Isthmus route, and early in 1850, established at Sacramento the Daily Transcript newspaper, which he and partners afterwards removed to San Francisco; where some years later it was merged in the Alta California; Mr. Fitch having previously become interested in the latter journal, from which he retired in 1856. In 1859, he purchased an interest in the San Francisco Evening Bulletin, and has since been prominently identified with that journal. He has also been part owner of the Morning Call since 1857. In 1857, he married Clara Virginia Duvall, daughter of Wm. T. Duvall, of Washington, D. C., where she was born March 21, 1837. She is a descendant of Marcen Duvall, a French Huguenot who, about the middle of the 17th century left France on account of religious persecution, and settled in Maryland. Of three *children*, daughters, two lived to maturity.

Clara, born February 19, 1858, was killed at Monterey, in 1882, by being accidentally thrown from a carriage.

Virginia, born September 12, 1859, is now, 1886, the only living descendant.

Clarissa J. Fitch, (eldest daughter of Sanford Fitch), was married at nineteen years of age to Rev. Henry Moore, then Pastor of the Congregational Church, at Strongville, O. Mr. Moore was born at Floyd, N. Y., August 13, 1813; was educated at the Oneida Institute, Whiteborough, N. Y. During the early years of his ministry, he was a strong anti-slavery advocate, and labored zealously for the abolition of slavery. His first field of labor as a

minister was at Mantua, O., and afterwards in succession at Wayne, O.; Evans, N. Y.; Johnstonville, and Amherst, O. Mr. and Mrs. Moore are now living with their son-in-law, Dr. Von Ruck, at Norwalk, O. *Children:*

Clarissa Harriet, born in Strongville, O., Jan. 29, 1849, died in Amherst, O., June 21, 1850.

Delia Harriet, born Nov. 3, 1851, in Amherst, O., married December 25, 1872, Dr. Karl Von Ruck, of Stuttgardt, Germany. They have two *children:*

Silvio Henry, born Aug. 24, 1875.

Cella Grace, born March 6, 1877.

Mary Alice, born April 2, 1855, in Camden, O., married August 21, 1877, George A. Bishoprick, of St. Catherine's, Canada, who died July 19, 1885. They had four *children:*

Karl, born July 7, 1878.

George Emil, born May 24, 1881.

Wellesford Henry, born February 12, 1883.

Grace Alice, born October 10, 1885.

Carrie Belle, born in Camden, O., October 11, 1857, died September 5, 1858.

Abbie, born Aug. 30, 1859, at Johnsville, O.

Grace, born in Camden, O., March 17, 1862.

Henry Wells, born June 29, 1864, in Camden, O. Is a graduate of the Western Reserve Medical College, in Cleveland.

Wm. S., (son of Sanford Fitch), received a fair education in the common schools and at "Rocky River Seminary." In early life he went to California, where he has since resided. He married at San Francisco, Cal., September 28, 1862, Annie Theller, daughter of the late Dr. E. A. Theller, formerly of Buffalo, N. Y. She died and also, an

infant son, in September, 1863. Mr. Fitch married (2) at San Francisco, January 29, 1867, Frances Lytle Wood, who was born March 26, 1849, in the old Fort called "Alamo," in the town of San Antonio, Texas. *Children* by his second wife, all born at San Francisco.

Beatrice, born December 24, 1867.

May, born May 1, 1869, died June 26, 1869.

Sherman, born January 18, 1872.

Cordelia Frances, (daughter of Sanford Fitch), married at Medina, O., August 17, 1851, Chester J. Colborn, a merchant. *Children:*

Amanda Jane, born at Medina, O., September 17, 1852, married at Hays City, Kansas, March 29, 1872, Alonzo B. Webster. One child, Alan, born Oct. 4, 1875, at Dodge City, Kan.

Edward Fenton Colborn, born at Medina, O., August 12, 1854, married at Ann Arbor, Michigan, December 29, 1880, Lizzie Louisie Dygert. One child, Chester Treat Ramsdell Colborn, born at Gunnison, Colorado, Dec. 7, 1886.

Chester J. Colborn, died at Medina, O., September 3, 1857.

Cordelia F. Colborn, married (2) Markus Joseph Riley Treat, at Medina, O., June 26, 1861. They live at Hays City, Kansas.

Henry S., (son of Sanford Fitch), married Elizabeth Bradford, at Brunswick, O., April, 1859.

Children:

Harry B., born 1860.

William S., born 1863.

Infant daughter, born February 6, 1866, died in August, 1866.

Infant son, born June, 1867, died Sept. 1867.

Elizabeth, wife of Henry Fitch, died at Mansfield, O., in August, 1867.

Albert M., (son of Sanford Fitch), married Alice Harrison, of LaGrange, O., July 5, 1877, who died December 30, 1877. He married (2) October 13, 1869, Emma J. Hill, of Camden, O. In 1868, Mr. Fitch engaged in the clothing business in Wellington, O., where he built up a prosperous business; and where he remained until 1885, when he removed to Elyria, O., where he continues the same business. *Children:*

Nelson S., born September 22, 1870.

Albert H., born April 11, 1874.

Pearle E., born June 16, 1882.

Benjamin F., (son of Sanford Fitch), settled in Louisville, Ky., and engaged in the Dry Goods trade. He was very successful in acquiring property, but died young. He married March 9, 1868, Florence E. Willson, of Louisville, Ky. *Children:*

Nellie H., born June 22, 1870.

Clara, born June 12, 1872.

Benjamin F., born March 2, 1877. Benjamin F. Fitch, died July 29, 1879, and was buried at Louisville, Ky.

Electa, (youngest daughter of Sanford Fitch), married at Wellington, O., July 17, 1866, Ossian N. Leach, who was born at Sullivan, O., October 21, 1841. Mr. Leach engaged in the clothing business at Wellington, O.; but in 1872, removed to Medina, O., where he has built up a prosperous business. *Children:*

Frank H., born May 2, 1867.

Bertha H., born April 2, 1870, died Nov. 2, 1872.

Florence Alice, born January 17, 1872.
Amy Gertrude, born Nov. 13, 1870, died January
17, 1872.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the line
of his son HORACE.*

HORACE FITCH, (son of Thaddeus Fitch), married February, 1829, Harriet Loomis, daughter of Gideon Loomis, of East Windsor, Conn., and sister of Jerusha Loomis wife of his brother Daniel, and also of Anna and Clarissa, wives of his brother Chauncey. She was born September 6, 1806. In 1831, he removed to Olmsted, O., settling on a farm in the southerly part of the township; where he remained for the rest of his life. He was a man social in his disposition, a genuine wit, and an excellent horseman. His wife died October 10, 1865, and was buried at Olmsted, O. He died Dec. 28, 1872, also buried at Olmsted, O. *Children:*

Lewis, born at East Windsor, Conn., July 18, 1830.

Edward, born at Olmsted, O., October 16, 1833.

Amelia Ann, born at Olmsted, O., March 16, 1834.

Abbey Ann, born June 17, 1836.

Emily, born February 22, 1840.

Harrison H., born February 24, 1841.

~~Loren~~ Loren Loomis, born April 20, 1845.

Horace, born February 29, 1848.

Lewis Fitch, (son of Horace Fitch), married Lucy Howard, February 7, 1852. He removed to Iowa, but not liking the country, returned to Ohio eventually, settling at Grand Rapids, where he still resides. *Children:*

Fayette W., born August 14, 1854.

Newton Charles, born July 4, 1856.

Harriet E., born August 1, 1858.

Jane D., born May 25, 1867.

Flora, born August 25, 1871.

Frederick J., born Jan. 16, 1878.

Edward (son of Horace Fitch), married Feb. 22, 1854, Sarah Touslee, at Olmsted, O., and moved to Iowa, where his wife died July 15, 1854. He married (2) June 15, 1860, Jane Gaylor, of Clayton County, Iowa. They had two *children:*

Hala, born January 2, 1862, who married John Wilecox, July 1, 1883, at Park Rapids, Minnesota.

Charley, born May 1, 1870.

Jane died November 22, 1876. Mr. Fitch married (3) Helen Hall, February 8, 1881, and removed to Hubbard County, Minn., where he now resides.

Amelia Ann, (daughter of Horace Fitch), married William Busby, February 7, 1852. They had three *children:*

Mary Elizabeth, born December 27, 1852, married Joel Rice, July 6, 1878. One child.

Harry Busby, born June 2, 1882

Walter Edward Busby, born September 1, 1855, married Dora Cornilia Lilly, November 22, 1880. They have one child, Ruby May, born August 11, 1881.

Hiram Charles, born January 1, 1860, died March 6, 1864, buried at Olmsted, O.

Amelia Ann Busby, died October 4, 1863, and was buried at Olmsted, O

Abby Ann (daughter of Horace Fitch), married at Olmsted, O, February 22, 1855, Horace Touslee. They removed to Monticello, Iowa, where she died January 31, 1873. Horace Touslee was born at Smithville N. Y, June 24, 1833. *Children:*

Edward Perry, born at Olmsted, O., November 14, 1855; married at Rock Grove, Iowa, Mary Elizabeth Foote, November, 1875.

Emily Rosell, born at Elkhart, Iowa, April 2, 1858, married George Sebaugh, of Green, Butler Co., Iowa, Dec 1, 1876

Harriet Ann, born at Colesburg, Ia, married July 4, 1881, at Cardot Falls Wis., Benjamin Franklin Carle

Merit, born at Colesburgh, Iowa, Jan 16, 1862, died July 21, 1863, buried at Colesburg, Iowa.

Charles Horace, born at Dyersville, Iowa, May 1, 1870.

Emily, (daughter of Horace Fitch), married George Richardson, December 24, 1867. One child, Ella, born Sept. 22, 1868. She married (2) Alvah R. Barnard, July 11, 1880. They live at Olmsted, O.

Harrison H., (son of Horace Fitch), married Martha A., daughter of Robert N. Fuller, one of the early settlers of Columbia, Lorain County, O., where she was born October 13, 1846. Mr. Fitch is a prosperous farmer at Columbia, O. He enlisted March 5, 1864, in Company G, 125th Ohio Vol. Infantry, and served with the Regiment in Tennessee and Georgia; was mustered out June 18, 1865.

Loren Loonis, (son of Horace Fitch), enlisted at the age of 17, in Co. C, 124th Regt. O. V. I., in September, 1862. In the fall of 1863, was transferred to Co. D., 8th Regt. Vet. Res. Corps, and sent to Camp Douglas, Chicago. In the spring of 1864, he was commissioned 1st Lieutenant, and assigned to duty as Post Adjutant, at Camp Fry, Chicago, Ill. In April, he was made Adjutant, of the 156th Regt. Ill. Vol. Infantry, and served through Tennessee and Georgia to the close of the war. He married April 10, 1869, Jennie S., youngest daughter of H. K. and Philinda Miner, of Olmsted Falls, O. They have one child:

Florence L., born at Olmsted Falls, O., January 29, 1874. Mr. Fitch lives at Jackson, Mich., and is employed as conductor on the Fort Wayne and Jackson, and Lake Shore and Mich. Southern R'y.

Horace, (youngest son of Horace Fitch), married Martha Perkins, at Olmsted, O., November 8, 1870. They had six *children*:

Jessie H., born August 7, 1872.

Willie R., born February 2, 1874.

Harlo B., born May 1, 1876, died August 12, 1877.

Rollie R., born October 16, 1877.

Jennie, born May 8, 1879.

May M., born September 5, 1881.

Martha (Perkins) Fitch, was born May 28, 1846, and died from an overdose of chloroform, January 3, 1884. He married (2) March 31, 1883, Mary A. Harding, who was born August 19, 1851. One child:

Dallas A., born June 15, 1884. In the spring of 1885, Mr. Fitch removed to Frontier Co., Nebraska, where he now resides.

*Descendants of THADDEUS FITCH, in the Line
of his Son, ELISHA.*

ELISHA FITCH, (son of Thaddeus Fitch), married Mary Ann Olcott, August 15, 1831. She was the daughter of Larned Olcott, of Manchester, Conn., and a descendant of Thomas Olcott, a merchant of Hartford, Conn., one of the first settlers of the town. Mr. Fitch removed to Olmsted, O., soon after his marriage; settling on a tract of wild land in the northerly part of the town. Here he remained engaged in clearing up and improving his farm until 1856; when he bought some land in the village of Olmsted Falls, on which he built a fine residence, and where he remained for the rest of his life. He was punctual, exact and honest in business matters, and in his life and conduct practically exemplified the principles of Christianity. He died Jan. 11, 1884, and was buried at Olmsted, O. Mr. and Mrs. Fitch had no children; but have an adopted daughter, Helen, who married James Atkinson, of Ridgeville, O., in 1864. *Children:*

Arthur E., Albert Everett and Clarence
Roxana, (daughter of Jeremiah Fitch,) married
Elnathan Grant. Their *Children:*

Lodica, who married——of New York, and had
Philanda.

Roxana, who married——Brown.

——Diantha, who died at Rockville, Conn., in
1859.

Daniel Fitch Grant, who died in 1854.

Roxana Grant, died Dec. 10, 1842. Her husband, Elnathan Grant, died August 31, 1849. They were buried at Vernon, Conn.

Thankful, (daughter of Jeremiah Fitch), married Jonathan Skinner, Nov. 9, 1786. We have no further account of them.

Converse Fitch, (son of Jeremiah Fitch), inherited from his father one-half of his landed estate, subject to his mother's right to "one-half the improvement" of it. The will says: "Converse all in East Windsor and so much of the farm lying in Bolton, on the south side, as to make him equal." He married Anna Grant, at North Bolton, October 11, 1792. We have no certain information that he ever lived on the farm inherited from his father. The greater portion of his life was spent on a farm in Tolland, Conn., where he died and was buried, but the date of his death has not been ascertained. His wife died January 7, 1855, and was buried by the side of her husband at Tolland. Their *Children*:

Augustus, born November 8, 1793, settled at Rootstown, N. Y.

Russell, born September 30, 1795, died November 11, 1820.

Warren, born May 6, 1797, married (1) Mary Safford, who died Sept. 5, 1834. He married (2) Rachael Usher, who died July 5, 1844. They had one son Rufus, who married—Usher, and had two children. Rufus died Jan. 2, 1864. His wife died May 20, 1868. William, (son of Warren), now living at Rockville, Conn., married Nancy Robinson. One child, Mary. Henryetta, (daughter of Warren) married Loomis, of Andover, Conn.

Oliver, (son of Warren), lived at Cohoes, N. Y. Two children. Mary, (daughter of Warren), married Whiting G. Wells, of Gilead, Conn. She died May 18, 1886.

Fanny, (daughter of Converse Fitch), born May 17, 1799, married Joseph T. Truman. Died at her sons, in State of New York.

Abial, (son of Converse Fitch), born April 8, 1801. Married Asenath Andrews, of Coventry, Conn. Their *Children* :

Milton L., born August 3, 1832.

Frances, born Sept. 26, 1834, married Charles T. Bryant, and have Melissa A., born April 8, 1837, who married John B. Ingraham.

Anna G., born January 29, 1839.

Hattie L., born Sept 10, 1842.

Cornelia A., born June 14, 1847.

Holsey, (son of Converse Fitch), born February 8, 1803, died May 22, 1830

William, (son of Converse Fitch), born Feb. 15, 1805, died June 25, 1825.

Orson, (son of Converse Fitch), born June 23, 1809, died July 8, 1835.

Nathan S., (son of Converse Fitch), born May 5, 1811. Married Electa Strickland, of Bolton, Conn. Had Emily and Irving, the latter now living at Hartford, Conn. Each of them have two children.

Lorena, (daughter of Converse Fitch), born June 1, 1813, married Wm Nelson Northrop. Lives at Ellicottville, N. Y. They had one son, Edward D. Northrop, who resides at Greenville, Ga., and has five sons.

Miriam, (daughter of Jeremiah Fitch), married Joel Thrall, of North Bolton, Conn., January 9, 1799. *Children:*

Joel, born 1799, married Irna Avery, of Bolton, Conn. One child, Emily. He died in 1869.

Willis, born January 14, 1801, married Christina Bissell, of North Bolton, Conn. *Children:*

Edward B., married, lives at Hartford, Conn., and Irna S.

Willis Thrall, died June 20, 1884, buried in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford, Conn.

Sally, (daughter of Joel and Miriam Fitch Thrall), born at Bolton, Conn., in 1803, died May 6, 1854. Buried at Willimantic, Conn. She married (1) — Putnam. One child, George. (2) — Loveland, one child, Caroline.

Phila, (daughter of Joel Thrall), born at Bolton, Conn., died November 5, 1822. Buried at Willimantic, Conn.

Joel Thrall died July 27, 1834. His wife died September 25, 1846.

"Abner,⁵ (son of Capt. Abner,²) resided half a mile south of the old Capt. Jeremiah Fitch place, now (1886) in possession of Deacon Appollos Fitch's family.* He sold his farm to his brother Jephth, a part of his family had gone west to Bridgewater, Oneida Co., N. Y., and he was preparing to follow when his hip was broken by the oversetting of his wagon, while on the road between his late home and the old Fitch place. He was carried to the latter place, but only lived a fortnight after the accident, dying on the 23d of March, 1797, aged 47,

* By regular descent.

and was buried in the South Coventry burying ground. His wife, Elizabeth Root, whom he married in 1771, was a woman of great energy; and after her husband's death went to Bridgewater, N. Y., with the remainder of her family. She afterwards married Capt. John Mills, who died soon after their marriage, and she removed to Delhi, N. Y., and from thence to Franklyn, Delaware Co., N. Y., where she resided until Oct. 10, 1817, when she died of apoplexy, in the 64th year of her age.

Children:

Ebenezer Root,⁸ born Sept. 26, 1772.

Thomas,⁹ born July 28, 1774.

Elizabeth,¹⁰ born April 25, 1776.

Diantha,¹¹ born February 18, 1778.

Vine, born March 23, 1780, was a school and music teacher, and died suddenly at Canandaigua, N. Y., 1803, unmarried.

Cornelius Root,¹² born July 22, 1783.

Latham,¹³ born June 20, 1785.

William,¹⁴ born May 16, 1787.

Mary,¹⁵ (or Polly), born February 20, 1789.

Ursula,¹⁶ born January 8, 1792."

"Jeptha,⁶ (son of Abner,²) married (1) January 23, 1777, Ursula, (daughter of Capt. Ebenezer) Root, and a sister of Elizabeth Root, his brother Abner's wife. She died August 19, 1821, aged 66. (2) at 72 years of age, widow Sally Hartshorn. He died in 1829. *Children:*

Deadamia, born November 23, 1777, died Sept. 17, 1846, in Willimantie, unmarried.

Ephriam, born December 9, 1778, died at Coventry, Sept. 6, 1806, unmarried.

Apollo,¹⁷ born March 10, 1780.

Phebe, born December 31, 1781, married Capt. Joseph Root Simms."

Jasper,⁷ (son of Elisha,³) married Eunice (daughter of Zenas) Howes, of Windham, Conn. *Children*:

Fanny, 1803, unmarried.

Henry H., born 1810, married Mary Barber. No issue.

Mary J., born 1812, married (1) Luther Frick. (2) John Capen. No issue.

William A., born 1814, married Lois Perkins. No issue.

Lucy P., born 1816, married Timothy Perkins. Died in Massachusetts. Two *children*:

Alfred H., born 1819, married Martha Parker, April 27, 1842

Caroline, born 1824, married Samuel T. Loomis, of Coventry, Conn. Three children.

"Ebenezer Root,⁸ (son of Abner,⁵) married Sarah Dow, Jan. 17, 1796, and soon after removed to a farm in Westmoreland, Oneida Co., N. Y., where he continued till his death, August 19, 1820. His wife died in Westmoreland, March 7, 1842, aged 66 years. *Children*:

Phebe, born August, 1738, became the second wife of Bradford Seymour, of Utica, N. Y., and died 184—.

Abner, born Dec. 1, 1800, a farmer, and lived on old homestead, in Westmoreland. Died unmarried, 1862.

Statira,¹⁸ born May, 1803.

Ebenezer R.,¹⁹ born April 25, 1805.

Arsinor,²⁰ born February, 1807.

Marianne,²¹ born March 7, 1813.

Diantha, born Apr. 14, 1818, unmarried in 1867."

"Thomas,⁹ (son of Abner,⁵) studied medicine and married Olive Fletcher. He settled in the practice of his profession in Delhi, N. Y. He was afterward a merchant at Philadelphia, Pa., and cashier of the Farmers and Merchants Bank of that city. He afterwards took a deep interest in the construction of the Louisville and Portland Canal, on the Ohio River, and through his exertion, most of the stock was taken up in Philadelphia and the work completed. He died in 1850. His wife died in 1853. *Children:*

Fletcher, born 1804, in Delhi, N. Y., died in Philadelphia, 1825.

Diantha, born March 3, 1813, in Philadelphia, unmarried in 1867.

Mary, born January 6, 1820, married, October 4, 1837, J. C. Thatcher, from New London, Conn.; a dry goods merchant in New York City. She died in 1856. Their *children* were:

Thomas Fitch, born Dec. 2, 1838, who married Mary, (daughter of Dr. Wm. H.) Rockwell, of Brattleboro, Vt., and now lives at Flatbush, L. I. One child.

Mary O., born September, 1841.

John Christopher, born February 29, 1844."

"Elizabeth,¹⁰ (daughter of Abner,⁵) married at Bridgewater, N. Y., about 1803, Jesse Ives, a native of Torrington, Conn. *Children:*

Fanny, born in 1805, at Whitestown, N. Y., unmarried in 1867.

Charlotte, born in 1810, at Bridgewater, N. Y., unmarried. Both these sisters live on and manage their large farm with much success.

"Diantha,"¹¹ (daughter of Abner,⁵) married Rufus Bunnell, a graduate of Yale College. He was an active business man and accumulated a large fortune. He died July 13, 1856. His wife died June, 1853. *Children:*

George, born 1805, died in 1806.

William Rufus, born March 6, 1806, married (1) Sarah Haight. (2) Cornelia Sterling

James Fitch, born March 27, 1807, unmarried in 1867, a graduate of Yale College.

Thomas Fitch, born November, 1808, married Mathilda (McCoy), widow of W. H. Beck, in 1834."

"Cornelius Root,"¹² M. D., (son of Abner,⁵) was eminent and successful in his profession, at Delhi, N. Y. He married March 12, 1816, Paulina, (daughter of Marsh) Farrington, (who was a son of Col. Thos. Farrington, of the Revolutionary Army and Elizabeth Cotton), and died July 12, 1846, at Delhi, N. Y. *Children:*

Fitz James, born Dec. 7, 1817, unmarried, resides at Catskill, N. Y.

Thomas, (M. D.), born April 13, 1820, resides at Prattsville, N. Y.

Jessee Ives, born Nov. 30, 1824, lawyer, resides in Oregon.

Ellen, born May 28, 1828, resides at Claryville, N. Y.

Cornelius R., born August 20, 1829, resides at Lexington, Ky.

Frederick, born May 19, 1834, resides at Lexington, Ky.

Emma, born February 3, 1839, resides at Claryville, N. Y."

"Latham Fitch, (son of Abner,⁵) married Alice,

daughter of John Houldridge, a lieutenant of the Revolutionary War. *Children:*

Julia, born October 18, 1815.

Ralph, born December 25, 1817.

William Root, born March 25, 1820.

Emily A., born August 17, 1825.

Latham Fitch, died at Castile, N. Y., January 23, 1853."

Dr. William,¹⁴ (son of Abner,⁵) married Hannah Follett, born October, 1790. *Children:*

James,²² born December 17, 1812.

Ursula, born——, died Sept., 1836, in Bridgeport, Conn.

Elizabeth, born September 18, 1816, died October 1, 1835, at Franklin, N. Y.

Diantha, born May 26, 1818, died June 4, 1836.

Mary, born April 30, 1820, at Franklin, N. Y., married L. M. Bissell of that place in 1866. *Children:*

Diantha, William F. and James; William,²³ born January 26, 1822.

Dr. William died at Dryden, N. Y., July 16th, 1865.

Mary,¹⁵ or Polly, as she was familiarly called, (daughter of Abner,⁵) became the second wife of Col. John Mitchell, in Wayne, N. Y., where she died in 1845."

"Ursula,¹⁶ (daughter of Abner,⁵) married Martin Miner, about 1816, a merchant in Unadella, N. Y. She died in 1830, in Syracuse, N. Y. *Children:*

Fitch, born about 1817.

Isaac, born about 1819, supposed to have been in the Texan Navy, when that Republic was fighting for her liberty.

George, born about 1823, was 'Col,' and living in Atlanta, Ga., at the close of the war of the Rebellion.

Thomas, born about 1825.

Ellen, born about 1828."

Apollos,¹⁷ (son of Jephtha,⁶) lived in Coventry, Conn. Married August 18, 1801, Sybil Edgerton, born 1781, inherited the old Capt. Jeremiah Fitch farm, spent his days upon it and left it to his widow and children, who, in 1867, were living upon it. He died August 19, 1842. *Children:*

George Edgerton, born August 18, 1802, died April 17, 1852.

Lucy Eliza, born May 6, 1804, died 1885.

Ursula Root, born Nov. 2, 1805, died January 26, 1848.

Ephriam Alson, born October 1, 1807, died Sept. 30, 1824.

Newton, born November 14, 1809, married Jane Carolina Bidwell, of Coventry, Oct. 10, 1832. He died October 28, 1843. His widow and daughter, Diantha L., are now, 1886, living at Willimantic, Conn.

Lucretia, born Oct. 9, 1811, died July 28, 1846.

Jephtha, born June 29, 1813, died Sept. 3, 1818.

Phebe, born May 29, 1815, married Isaac C. Perkins, of Hartford, Conn., died March 14, 1848.

Sybel, born Nov. 16, 1817, died Aug. 26, 1839.

Sarah Ann, born August 1, 1820, married Araunah Judd, of Coventry, Conn., December 19, 1854. They now reside in Hartford, Conn. Mrs. Judd, is now, 1886, the owner by (inheritance), of the old Capt. Jeremiah Fitch farm, in Coventry, Conn.; which has remained continuously in the

Fitch family, since Capt. Jeremiah Fitch first settled upon it about 1706.

Maria, born October 1, 1823, married Henry Albro, of Coventry, Conn., September 25, 1861. She died February 3, 1882.

"Statira,"¹⁸ (daughter of Ebenezer R.⁸), married in 1832, Samuel W. Johnson. *Children*:

Samuel; Sarah; Amos F.; Thomas S."

"Ebenezer,"¹⁹ (son of Ebenezer R.⁸) married Jan. 1, 1851, Jane Lewis; lives on the old homestead farm, at Westmoreland, N. Y. *Children*:

Sarah, born October 9, 1853.

Abner Lewis, born August 20, 1856.

Ebenezer R., born November 22, 1859."

"Asinore,"²⁰ (daughter of Ebenezer R.⁸), married May 24, 1832, Albert P. Seymour, of Westmoreland, N. Y. *Children*:

Alfred R., born January 14, 1837.

Bradford, born October 28, 1841.

Mary, born July 19, 1845.

Albert P., Jr., born Nov. 9, 1846.

"Marianne,"²¹ (daughter of Ebenezer R.⁸), received what was at that period, deemed a solid and thorough female education, which embraced a practical and useful discipline, and rendered her an accurate English scholar. The correctness of her deportment in childhood, and the general style of her mind in youth, gave ample promise of the future woman. Her remarkable even temper, industrious and active habits, fondness for useful knowledge, and compactness of mind, suggested a future character of very much more than common power. The religious tendencies of her mind and heart dated from her early youth. Conscientious

in the discharge of religious duties, fond of reading the Bible and other religious books, a regular attendant upon the public worship of God, she was indeed deemed a Christian by those who knew her best, long before she ventured to cherish the hope for herself. When in later life, she finally concluded to assume the responsibilities of membership with the visible church of Christ; the step was not taken without the most rigid self-examination. Her early thoughts on the subject of religion, like her more mature ones, were solid and practical, she was never a doubter, and never a cavalier with the word of God. Her difficulties were not with the Truth as revealed in the Bible, but wholly with herself. Passing up into womanhood with these general features of mind and character; she was married in 1837, at the age of 24 years, to Mr. James S. T. Stranahan, who at that time, was a merchant and manufacturer, in the Town of Florence, Oneida County, New York, where they resided for three years after. In 1840, the family removed to the City of Newark, N. J., where the two children surviving her were born, and, in February, 1845, she removed to the City of Brooklyn, N. Y., where she continued to reside until the time of her death, a period of a little more than twenty-one years. Soon after coming to Brooklyn, she became a member of the congregation of the South Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn, and in 1855, she and her husband, connected themselves with that Church by a public profession of their faith. In 1851, she made, with her husband, an extensive tour through Europe. In the City of Brooklyn they occupied a high social

position Mr Stranahan having been elected a Representative to the thirty-fourth Congress, and subsequently occupying other positions of responsibility in the City and State. Mrs. Stranahan was active in every good work in the City of her adoption and those who knew her felt that they could confide in her judgment, her discernment, her tact, and her unflinching integrity and principle. For eight years she was the first Directress of the "Graham Institute for the Relief of Aged and Indigent Females," a position requiring the exercise of rare abilities, and the most skillful management to harmonize the discords, and quiet the misunderstandings, inevitable in such an institution. Her discretion, equanimity and tact, were equal to the duties of the place, and under her administration peace and quiet reigned. It was probably from the knowledge of her executive abilities, that she was unanimously chosen to preside over the Woman's Relief Association, organized in Brooklyn, on the 23rd of November, 1862, as auxiliary to the United States Sanitary Commission. This position was also one which required great tact and skill in the presiding officer. About eighty churches of different denominations in Brooklyn, co-operated in the work of the Association and it had, also, numerous auxiliaries scattered over the Island. Their diverse elements were held together, in perfect harmony by Mrs. Stranahan's skillful management, till the occasion ceased for their labors. The Association was from first to last a perfect success, surpassing in its results most of the branches of the Commission and surpassed in the harmony and efficiency of its action by none. Mrs. Stranahan

in her final report says: "The aggregate of our efforts, including the results of our Grand Fair, represents a money value of not less than half a million of dollars—\$300,000 of this sum were paid into the treasury of the United States Sanitary Commission in cash; and hospital supplies were furnished to the amount of over \$200,000 more, embracing the various things needed for the comfort of the sick and wounded soldier." The Great Fair of Brooklyn owes its origin to the Woman's Relief Association. It was at first proposed that Brooklyn should unite with New York in the Metropolitan Fair, but on further deliberation it was thought that a much larger result would be attained by an independent effort on the part of Brooklyn and Long Island and the event fully justified the opinion. It is much to say, but the proofs of the statement are ample that no one of the Sanitary Fairs, held from 1863 to 1865, equalled that of Brooklyn in its freedom from all friction and disturbing influences in the earnestness of its patriotic feeling and the complete and perfect harmony which reigned from its commencement to its close. This gratifying condition of affairs was universally attributed to the extraordinary tact and the executive talent of Mrs. Stranahan. As was well said by the pastor, the Rev. Dr. Spear, "she was the right woman in the right place. She gave her time to the work with a zeal and perseverance that never faltered and with a hopefulness for her country, which yielded to no discouragement or despondency. As a presiding officer she discharged her duties with self-possession, courtesy, skill and method, that commanded universal admiration.

She had a quick and judicious insight into the various ways and means by which the meetings of the Association could be rendered interesting and attractive. The business part of the work was constantly under her eye. No woman ever labored in a sphere more honorable, and but few women could have filled her place. Her general temper of mind, her large and Catholic views as a Christian, and then her excellent discretion, eminently fitted her to combine all the Churches in one harmonious and patriotic effort." Upon the disbanding of the Association, when all necessity for its labors had ceased Mrs Stranahan returned to the quiet of her home, and except her connection with the Graham Institution gladly withdrew from any conspicuous or public position. Her health was found to be somewhat impaired by her assiduous devotion to her duties as connected with the Association, but she made no complaint, and her family did not feel alarmed. The Spring of 1866 found her so feeble, that it was thought the pure and bracing air of the Green Mountains might prove beneficial in restoring her strength but her days were numbered, and on the 30th of August she died at Manchester Vt, giving up her spirit "calmly, peacefully, even smilingly," as was said by a witness of the scene. Her death was that of a Christian, her loss—a loss not only to her own loved and loving home circle, but to the city and the community in which she dwelt."

Children of James S. T. Stranahan:

Mary, born at Newark, N. J., July 14, 1840.

Fitch James, born at Newark N. J., September 25, 1843.

"James,²² (son Dr Wm,¹⁴) married May, (daughter of Noah) Plumb, of Bridgeport, Conn, Oct. 23, 1837. *Children:*

Mary, born Nov. 22, 1839; unmarried in 1867.

Walter, born December 4 1840, married in 1865, S. M. Leith, of North Carolina, has children; he was lieutenant in 6th Connecticut Regt. and wounded at Fort Wagner, S. C, and promoted to Major.

Elizabeth born Nov 10. 1849."

"William, Jr.,²³ (son of Dr. William¹⁴), graduated at the Albany Medical College, in 1846. He married Urania T. Everitt. *Children:*

Mary Everitt, born June 15, 1852, in Virgil, New York.

Elizabeth, born April 25. 1856.

Katie, born July 14, 1861, in Dryden, N. Y."

*Descendants of REV. JAMES FITCH, in the line
of his son JABEZ.*

REV. JABEZ (son of Rev. James), graduated at Harvard College, in 1694; and after his father became disabled by paralysis was invited to occupy his pulpit with a view to settlement. After preaching there about a year, however, he declined the call to settle; was subsequently elected a Tutor and Fellow of Harvard College, and in 1703, was ordained at Ipswich, Mass., as a colleague of the Rev. John Rogers. He afterwards removed to Portsmouth, N. H., where he was installed about 1725,

and where he died November 22, 1746. He married Elizabeth, (daughter of John) Appleton, June 10, 1704. *Children:*

Mary; Ann; John graduated at Harvard College, 1728. James"

*Descendants of REV. JAMES FITCH, the settler,
in the line of his son NATHANIEL.*

(CAPT.) NATHANIEL FITCH,* (son of Rev. James), was one of the earliest settlers of Lebanon Conn., where he owned a grist mill and a fulling mill. He married (1) December 10, 1701 Ann, (daughter of Joshua) Abel, of Norwich, Conn., who died July 3, 1721, aged 47 years; (2) September 17, 1729, Mindwell Tisdale, of Lebanon, Conn. Capt. Fitch, died May 4, 1759, aged 79 years. *Children* by his first wife:

Ann, born November, 1702, married———.

Children:

Joshua born February 13, 1704.

Latham, born March 29, 1705.

Nehemiah, born February 10, 1708.

James born October 15, 1709.

John, born January 7, 1712.

Nathaniel. Mehitable, born February 3, 1717, married——Whiting

Elizabeth, born May 26, 1718, married——Bissell, died December 18, 1747; had Daniel living in 1755.

Rachael, born October 1720, died May 28, 1726.

Abel, born November 22, 1722.

Caleb, born June 17, 1725 *Children* by second wife :

Jabez, born October 4, 1730, died Nov. 14, 1736.

Ezekiel, born March 11, 1732 ; living in 1755

Isaac, born May 10, 1734, was joint executor with his mother of his father's will.

*Descendants of Rev. JAMES FITCH, in the Line
of his Son, JOSEPH.*

"JOSEPH" (son of Rev. James), settled first at Stonington, Conn., but after his second marriage moved to Lebanon, Conn., where he spent the remainder of his days and appears to have been a man of wealth. He married (1) Sarah (daughter of Major Samuel Mason), who died previous to 1721. (2) Ann (eldest daughter of Rev. Samuel Whiting), of Windham, Conn., Dec. 29, 1711. He died May 9, 1741. She died at Windham, September 18, 1778. *Children* by first wife :

Judith, born in Stonington, Conn.

Sarah, born Jan. 24, 1704, in Stonington, Conn., married and had children.

Mason, born September 11, 1708, graduated at Yale College in 1729 ; died March 10, 1734.

Joseph, born February 14, 1711, was "Captain," married Zervia, (daughter of Daniel Hyde), of Lebanon, Conn. No children.

Children by second wife :

Samuel born January 16, 1724 at Lebanon, Conn.; graduated at Yale College, 1742, was a lawyer in Boston, married Elizabeth Lloyd; was Attorney General of Massachusetts; died in London, England, in 1784.

Eleazar, born August 29, 1726, graduated at Yale College; settled at Windham, Conn.; was Sheriff and a noted Loyalist during the revolution.

Azel, born November 7, 1728, was "Captain;" died about 1769, probably unmarried.

Ichabod, born May 17, 1734.

Ann, born July 12, 1737.

Thomas, born June 11, 1739, died Jan. 2, 1747."

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX I.

+ From Morant's History of Essex, England, we learn that Braintree, in that County was settled by the Flemish who left the Netherlands, on account of the cruelties of the Duke of Alva. Fichte is a German name, and the ancestors of the Fitch family of Braintree, were undoubtedly of this Flemish emigration to England. Ralph Fitch, one of the earliest English voyagers to India, in the latter part of the 16th Century, was a merchant at London; and, as that city is only 40 miles from Braintree and the adjoining village of Bocking, he may very possibly have been a native of that part of Essex, and even an ancestor or direct relation to Thomas Fitch, progenitor of the American family.

APPENDIX II.

Major John Mason, the father of Priscilla, second wife of Rev. James Fitch, was born in England, in 1600, had a military training; and, (with Miles Standish, John Underhill, and Gardner, all famous soldiers); served under Sir Thomas Fairfax, with the rank of lieutenant. He is supposed to have come to New England with the company which

settled at Dorchester, Mass., in 1630; and in 1632, was sent by the General Court, in company with John Gallop, and twenty men in a shallop of 20 tons burden, to break up a gang of pirates, which had infested the coast, an undertaking which he prosecuted with courage and prudence, despite the hardships of the winter season. For this he received £10 from the Government, and, in November of that year, was made Captain. In September, 1634, he was one of a committee of military men who were appointed to select sites for fortifications in Boston harbor, and personally superintended the erection of works on Castle Island. In 1635 he represented the Town of Dorchester in the General Court, and while a member of that body, June 3d, the second application of the Rev. John Wareham and his church, of Dorchester, for permission to remove to and found a colony on the Connecticut River was received and granted. In this enterprise, Mason was the leader, and an honored and much trusted participant in the trials of the tedious journey through the woods, in October, 1635, and the subsequent hardships of the winter of 1635-6, which resulted in the founding of the present Town of Windsor, Connecticut. Soon the three new settlements of Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor, were threatened by the Indians, and then Mason led the gallant little band of settlers against the savages—tracking them to their fastness; and, in the celebrated "Swamp Fight," completely crushing out the the Pequots. This brilliant campaign and battle forms so conspicuous a page of New England history that it is unnecessary for us to give the details, interesting as they are. Mason, was on this occasion the Savior of the Infant Colony, and his services were properly recognized by the General Court at Hartford, which created him the "public military officer of the Plantations of Connecticut," with a salary of £40 per annum, a position which he held until within two years of his death,



a period of about 35 years--first with the title of "Captain," afterwards of "Major," and, being the only Major in the Colony, he was frequently named in the public acts of the Court as "The Major," no other designation being necessary to distinguish him. He was the drill master also of the Colony, being authorized to "train" all the inhabitants thereof ten days in each year. He removed to Saybrook in 1647, it being the post of most importance and greatest danger, and was empowered to have command, not only of all soldiers, but the inhabitants of the town; similar orders were given in 1652. Thus the habeas corpus act was suspended, and dictatorial authority, for the time conferred upon Mayor Mason.

So important was the presence of Major Mason to the infant Commonwealth, that the General Court, in answer to his request for permission to embark in a project for a settlement in Delaware, returned the reply: "That it is much in the desire of the whole Court that he would not entertain the thought of removing his abode out of this Colony, whereunto they cannot give the least allowance or approbation"—but the court cannot wholly deny him, and "are content that he shall attend the services for three months, provided, he will engage himself to return within that time, and continue his abode as formerly," also in a letter of complaint to the Commissioner of the United Colonies, they say that the Narragansetts had fired eleven bullets into a house "in hopes as they boasted to have slain him, whom we have cause to honor," whose safety we cannot but make ourselves bound to protect, our deputy governor, Major Mason."

The Major, indeed, would seem to have been much less careful of his own safety than the General Court; the last of the instructions to him, when sent on an expedition to Long

Island, (then belonging to Connecticut), was, "we do not judge it convenient, that you should in your own person, make after any Indians in the woods," &c.

In further testimony of their appreciation of Mason's services and gratitude for them, they made him grants of considerable tracts of land, to two of which only can we refer. On the 5th of June, 1641, "that Captain Mason shall have 500 acres of ground for him and his heirs, about Pequot Country. On the 11th of September, 1651, also the island commonly called Chipachange, (now Mason's Island), in Mistie Bay, as also 100 acres near Mistie, when he shall make a choice. A portion of this Island is still owned and occupied by the descendants of Mason.

But not only were the military affairs and Indian affairs of the Colony almost entirely entrusted to the charge of Major Mason, or governed by his counsel. For a series of years (from 1637 to '41, he was a Magistrate; and, from 1641 to '59 an assistant or member of the General Court, and from 1659, he was Lieutenant Governor, for ten successive years when he declined a re-election, and for two years, during the absence of Governor Winthrop, in England, endeavoring to obtain a charter for the Colony, he was acting Governor. He was also one of the Commissioners of the United Colonies (Conn., Mass., and Rhode Island), for the years 1647, '54, '55, '56, '57 and '61.

Captain Mason was by far the most prominent person in the company that removed from Saybrook, and founded the town of Norwich. The deed of the town which was executed on the 6th of June, 1659 by Uncas Owaneco and Attawanhood; was executed in the presence of John Mason and Thomas Tracy. This was the third town in Connecticut of which Major Mason had been the founder. The other two were

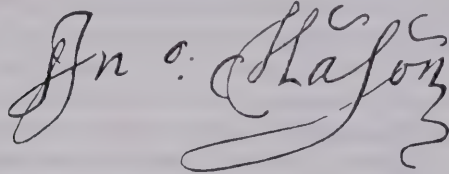
Windsor and Saybrook. And he was also one of the early and influential settlers of Dorchester, in Massachusetts.

Major John Mason possessed all the elements of greatness. His purposes were high and noble; his will was strong and determined. He was possessed of remarkable firmness and promptitude, a courage that was absolutely fearless, united with a prudence and moderation the most considerate and reflecting. He was yet a man of moderation and a friend of peace; and by his firm cautious and resolute, and yet pacific course he prevented or checked in the outset every tendency to disorder or violence. These high qualities made him not only a great soldier, but an admirable legislator and Magistrate, and caused him, as we have seen, to be selected as the master mind in all the important measures undertaken by the Colony for a long series of years. Never do we find recorded a single manifestation of an intolerent or persecuting spirit. Envy, hatred and malice seemed to find no place in his heart. He was virtuous in his life and habits, and in the relation of husband and father he was without reproach.

His form was suited to the noble and devoted character of the man. He is described as large in size, lofty in stature, and of a commanding presence. There was certainly nothing feeble or effeminate in his composition; and whatever excess of sternness, or harshness or impetuosity, there may have been in his character, there was never anything bordering on tyranny or injustice; and those rougher and harsher features were moderated and tempered by the sincere faith and humble life of the christian. He suffered during the last year of his life with one of the most painful of diseases, and died on the 30th day of January, 1672, in the seventy second year of his age.

The closing paragraph of the last letter he wrote to the General Assembly of the Colony, is in the spirit, as it is in the language of an apostle, entreating their remembrance at the throne of grace, he adds: Beseeching the God of Peace, who brought again from the dead the Lord Jesus; the great Shepherd of His sheep, to make us perfect in every good word and work to do his will, into whose hands I commend you and your mighty affairs, who am your afflicted, yet true servant,"

1651

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John O. Mason". The signature is written in dark ink on a light background.

His grave had been neglected, and its exact location lost, the stones which marked it having been removed and built into a wall. At the bi-centennial settlement celebration at Norwich, in 1859, which was attended by an immense crowd, and continued two days, Governor Wm. A. Buckingham presiding; (see description and proceeding in "Norwich Jubilee,") funds were raised and a committee appointed to purchase the ground and, erect a suitable monument to the memory of (as the Masonic master Clark, said when laying the corner stone on the second day), "a man called "Captain," "Major" and "Major-General" John Mason, who though not a Mason, most remarkably exemplified the principles of Masonry."

On the banks of the Yantic and about a mile distant, were the farm and house where John Mason lived and died; and on the same stream a short distance above, under the shadow of

a magnificent oak the solitary remains of the primeval forest, on an elevation from which you see around the woods and cultivated fields, comfortable and costly residences and amid the countless evidences of the industry and wealth of his descendants, rest his remains, henceforth to be marked by an appropriate monument. "Hon. J. A. Rockwell's address, 1859.

Major Mason, by his second wife Anne Peck, of Hartford, whom he married in July, 1639; had the following children: Issbel; Priscilla, who became the second wife of Rev. James Fitch; Samuel; John, who married Abigail, the eldest daughter of Rev. James Fitch; Rachel; Anne; Daniel; and Elizabeth, who became the first wife of Major James Fitch."

(See Hineman's Catalogue of the first settlers of Connecticut; Caulkins History of Norwich; Hall's History of Norwalk; Stiles History of Windsor, Conn.)

APPENDIX III.

Stephen Gifford, an original proprietor of Norwich, in 1660, married (1) in 1667, Mary Gove. She died in January, 1672; he then married (2) Hannah, (daughter of 2nd Capt John,) Gallup in 1672. Children by his first wife, Samuel, born 1668, Hannah, born 1671. Children by his second wife, John, born 1673, Ruth, born 1676, married Capt. Jeremiah Fitch, (son of Rev. James); Stephen, born 1679, Aquilla, born 1682.

APPENDIX IV.

John Gallup was of Dorchester in 1630, removed soon to Long Island (now called Gallup's Island, as supposed after him) in Boston Harbor; was a fisherman and pilot, had a home and garden in town; joined the Church in January, 1634, and became a freeman in April following. In the ex-

pedition made with Capt. Mason in pursuit of the pirate Bull (alluded to on page 104.) He won great credit for courage and energy. In July, 1636, he again distinguished himself by his attack on the murderers of Oldham, as related by Trumbull in his history of Connecticut, who says, "One John Gallup, on the 20th of July 1636, going from Connecticut to Boston, in his boat of 20 tons burthen, discovered John Oldham's vessel (another Boston Captain) full of Indians. Suspecting that they had murdered Mr. Oldham, he hailed them, but received no answer. Gallup was a bold man; and, though he had with him, but one man and two boys, he immediately bore down upon them, armed with two guns, two pistols and duck shot, and fired so thick among them that he cleared the deck. The Indians all got under the hatches. He then stood off and run down upon her quarter, with a brisk gale, nearly oversetting her; and so frightened the Indians, that six leaped into the sea and were drowned. He, a second time, also, raked her fore and aft, with his shot, and bored her with his anchors; but the Indians kept themselves so close that he ran down upon her a third time, and five more Indians leaped overboard and were drowned. He then boarded, and took two of the Indians and bound them; two or three others armed with swords, in a little room, could not be driven from their retreat, he fastened the hatches down upon them. Mr. Oldham's corpse was found on board. Captain Gallup fearing the Indians might get loose if together, and having no place to keep them apart, threw one overboard. He buried the corpse in the sea, stripped the vessel of goods and rigging, and took her in tow; but night came on—the wind rose, and he was obliged to let her go adrift." He afterwards, carried the ammunition and provisions in his vessel, and received the prisoners, to keep or bind, for the expedition sent by Massachusetts and Connecticut, under the command of Major Mason, in pursuit of the

remnant of the Pequots, after the destruction of their fort at Mystic by Captain Mason. He brought his wife, Christobel, from England. He died in the summer of 1650. His will provides for wife and children, and gives £2 to a new meeting house then building. Will of widow (published in Gen. Reg., V. 444) was made 1655. Children, John, Samuel, Nathaniel, Joan, married Thomas Joy. (See also, *Heral. Jour.* No. XXII., 73.)

Captain John Gallup, 2d of Boston (son of preceeding) born in England, served in Pequot war, under Major Mason, for which Connecticut gave him a grant of 100 acres of land; was at Taunton, 1643, a short time and removed to New London, in 1651, and to Stonington, of which he was representative, October, 1665, and May 1667. He was one of the six Connecticut Captains killed in the great Narragansett Swamp Fight, 19th December, 1675, the hardest battle of Philip's War, where 80 men were killed and 150 wounded, of whom many died before relief could be had. He married Hannah (daughter of Margaret) Lake, a widow, who resided at John Winthrop's.* Children; Hannah, born 1644, married, 1672, Stephen Gifford, of Norwich, as his second wife; John, made a freeman 1673; Esther, born 1653, married 1674, Henry Hodge, of Taunton;

* Margaret Lake, (Mrs.) was at New London, 1646, and many years after, (see Gen. Reg. vii. 165). She was the daughter of Col. Edmund Read, of Wickford Co., Essex, Eng., and eldest sister of Elizabeth, second wife of John Winthrop, Jr., John Lake, her husband was descended from the Lakes, of Norman-ton, Yorkshire, who claimed descent through the Gilleys from the Albinis. Earls of Arundel and Sussex, from the Counts of Lorraine, (the right line of Charlemagne) and from William the conqueror. (*Heraldic Journal*, No. xxii., 75.) She died, says Felt, 1672, leaving two daughters. Hannah, who married John Gallup 2d; Martha, who married Thomas Harris.

Benadam, born 1656; William, born 1658; Christobel, born 16—, married, Peter Casary; Eliza, born 16—, married —Henry Stephens; Mary, born 16—, married John Cole, of Boston; Margaret, born 16—, in 1704, unmarried.

APPENDIX V.

"Robert Rose, of Wethersfield, 1639, from Watertown, Mass., came in the Francis, from Ipswich, Suffolk Co., Eng., in 1634, aged 40, with wife Margery, aged 40, and children. Was Constable, 1640; Representative, 1641, '42, '43; removed before 1648, to Stratford; and, in list of freemen, 1659. He died at Branford, 1665, leaving a good estate. Children, (all but the youngest born in England.) John, born 1624; Robert; Elizabeth, born 1626; Mary, born 1628; Samuel, born 1630; Sarah, born 1632; Daniel, born 1636; Dorcas, born 1637.

Daniel Rose, of Wethersfield, (son of Robert), was born in England, came over when three years old, was called 63 years old in 1696; married in 1664, Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the first John Goodrich. Children; Elizabeth, born 1665; Daniel, 1667; married 1706, at Colchester, Mary Foot, daughter of 3d Nathaniel; Sarah, born 1681; Abigail, born 1683; Dorothy, born 1687; Lydia, born 1689.

Daniel Rose, Jr., of Wethersfield, (son of Daniel), born 1667, married at Colchester, 14th May, 1706, Mary, daughter of the 3d Nathaniel Foot; removed to Coventry, about 1726. Children, Ruth, born 1706, died young; Jehiel, born September 8, 1708, Ensign of Coventry, much respected; Daniel, born 29th August, 1710; Josiah, born 27th November, 1712; Ruth, born 13th March, 1717, married 17th February, 1736, Captain Abner Fitch.

APPENDIX VI.

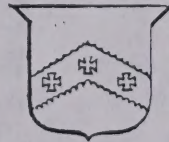
THE FITCH AND MASON ARMS.

^ The Fitch Arms given in this volume, are copied from an impression of the seal of Thomas Fitch, Governor of Con-
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tieut, from 1754-66, appended to a document of the date of 1757. Its heraldic description is as follows: Vert a chevron between three leopard's heads, or, crest a leopard's head embased, or in the mouth a sword proper hilt gules. "These are given by Burke, as those of Fitch of Headall and Woodham, Walter Co., Essex and Eltham, and Mount Mascul Co., Kent. Morant states that the Fitch family bought several estates in the Co. Essex, about the middle of the 16th century. One branch settled at Brazen Head, in Lindrell; the other and principal branch, at little Canfield, a few miles distant. (Hist. Essex. II. 446. 463.) A branch of the Fitch family was settled at Bocking, as early at least, as 1569, when John Fitch, gentleman, held the manor of Boones an messuage of Lyons in that Parish. (Morant, II. 387. (Heraldic Journal XIII., 46-47.)

The Mason arms, here given, are taken by permission of Mr. Theo. W. Mason, of Brooklyn, N. Y., from a copy of an ancient painting on parchment, in the possession of Mr. William Fitch, of Norwich Town, Conn. They are described by Burke, as "Vert two lions combatant, or, Crest a mermaid proper."

The seal of Major Mason given on this page, is copied from an impression found on some of his letters, now preserved in the Massachusetts, and also Connecticut Archives, and the arms there depicted are probably those of his second wife—Peck. (See Heraldic Journal, xiii., 41-42, 1866.)



ERRATA.

Page 6, 5th line from bottom, for Coil, read Coit.

Page 13, 1st line, for meal, read meat.

Page 26, 13th line from bottom of page, for where, read when.

Page 49, 11th line from top of page, for Ronep, read Romp.

Page 66, 3rd line from bottom of page, for 1856, read 1866.

Page 69, 4th line from bottom of page, for 1884, read 1885, and
last line, for Thomas K., read Thomas H.

Page 71, 12th line from bottom of page, for Clarisea White, read
Clarissa White.

Page 78, 4th and 5th lines from top of page, for 1877, read 1867.

Page 79, 2nd line from top of page, for 1870, read 1873, and 3rd
line for January, 17, 1872, read March 15th, 1874.

Page 79, 7th line from bottom, for 1833, read 1832, (prodadly.)

Page 82, 5th line from bottom, for 1884, read 1882.

Pages 88 and 93, for Arsinor, read Arsinoe, and for Arsinore,
read Arsinoe.

Pages 88 and 93, for Marianne, read Mariamne.